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Conflict mediation

Inch travels to teach conflict resolution in violence-torn Balkan countries

INGRID STEGEMOELLER
Mast news reporter

A two-week trip to Serbia and Macedonia provided Edward Inch, Dean of the School of the Arts, with the "best teaching experience" of his life. The trip, spanning from March 15 through March 22, was cut short by a new eruption of violence in Kosovo, but not before Inch worked with many people eager to learn how to manage conflict in their countries.

The main objective of Inch's travels was to assist Serbs, Albanians, Macedonians and other people living in areas of conflict to manage differences and create peace through dialog.

Several years ago, NATO sent ground troops to mediate violence in Serbia and Macedonia. In the long run, however, this technique will not solve the problem, Inch said. Instead, he said, a solution lies in teaching the people "methods for working and living together."

One of the target audiences Inch worked with was a group of about 25 students from the School for Young Politicians in Skopje, Macedonia. The students were attending a 30-day intensive program that dealt with building a functioning country.

Inch spent eight hours each day teaching students how to communicate with those who hold differing viewpoints, and often another two or three hours conversing with them after class. He noted the instantaneous translations between himself and the students as strange, but not hindering.

The immediacy of the situation contributed to Inch's appreciation of this opportunity. He said his students at PLU



Photo courtesy of Edward Inch

Visiting PLU scholar Steinar Bryn talks on his cell phone the day violence broke out in Kosovo to see if professor Edward Inch and he could return to the United States. The two were driven to the Macedonian border and walked the rest of the way to the airport. As part of their trip, Inch taught tools of achieving peace at dialog centers set up by Bryn.

will use the information gained from classes in five or ten years, whereas the young politicians may use his instruction to solve conflicts that same day.

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Pacific Avenue project presented, Frosty honored at county meeting



Photo by Andy Sprain

Frosty Westering shakes hands with Pierce County Council members who recognized his contributions to the community as well as his coaching achievements. March 16 was declared Frosty Westering Day at the council's meeting, held on PLU campus.

STEPHANIE MATHIEU
Mast news reporter

Pierce County Council members convened March 16 in the Scandinavian Cultural Center and discussed a project to revitalize Pacific Avenue.

The council also passed a resolution to create a day honoring retired football coach Frosty Westering.

The council members declared March 16 Frosty Westering Day in Pierce County. This day was created to honor the work Westering has done for the community and his success as a former football coach for PLU.

Westering thanked the council for the honor in front of more than 50 audience members. He also spoke of the importance of communication and reflected on his

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**Residential
Life hires
'RA-plus'
staff for Hong
International
Hall, helps
residents
transition**

SAM CHREST
Mast news reporter

Say bonjour to next year's residential life staff in Hong's international hall. Or hola, guten tag, ni hao or hei, depending on which wing you are visiting.

The international hall, which will feature wings immersed in French, Spanish, German, Norwegian and Chinese, recently filled out its resident assistants staff for the 2004-05 school year. Each of the RAs will not only fill the duties that a normal RA would, but will also help lead the wing in speaking its particular language.

"We were kind of looking for an RA-plus type for the hall," Residential Life Assistant Director Matt Lamsma said. "We wanted people who would be RAs and lead their wing normally, and also wanted people who would speak the target language of the wing and lead the other students in that area as well."

The RAs went through a process similar to that of normal RAs, with an added screening process. Along with supplemental questions to the application, the international hall applicants also had an interview with the language faculty, most of which took place in the target language.

Hong Resident Director Mike Smolko led the standard interview with each candidate.

"I'm really excited about the choices I've made," Smolko said. "I worked really closely with the faculty while making these decisions. They worked really hard to give me unbiased and strong recommendations."

RAs in the hall next year will face challenges, as this is the first year such an international hall will exist. The RAs hope to be up to the task, and look forward to the challenges that it will bring.

"I thought that the international hall was an excellent idea," first-year Megan Getman, Norwegian wing RA said. "I had wanted to be a RA anyway, and I figured that this would be a good opportunity to immerse myself in the language and culture. I'm really looking forward to speaking as

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National marketing award goes to PLU students



Photos courtesy of AMA

PLU chapter of American Marketing Association members juniors Landon Hulbregtse and Derek Lunde and seniors Lisa Ritter and Amanda Kirksey fell into the "third prize bracket" at the National American Marketing Association Case Competition March 25 in New Orleans. That is, the PLU students fell into a national ranking between fourth and eighth. They received \$1500 for the chapter.

The Collegiate Chapter's Council sponsored the competition and eight out of 19 entries were selected to present at the conference in New Orleans. It was the first year PLU's AMA prepared a marketing plan for the Collegiate Chapter's Council to enter the competition.

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last and only day students will be warned about alcohol violations. Starting tomorrow, Pierce County Sheriff's Department will make citations involving minors in possession of alcohol, and arrests for those providing the alcohol off-campus.

"Day two they (PCSD) will start arresting people for infractions," said Walt Huston, director of Campus Safety. See

News Briefs

Committee chooses Stumo as Dean of Financial Aid and Admissions

INGRID STEGEMOELLER
Mast news reporter

March 11, the search committee for a new Dean of Financial Aid and Admissions selected Karl Stumo for the position. The committee deliberated "the strengths and areas of less experience for both finalists for several hours," Dean of Student Life Laura Majovski said.

Stumo, who has several years of admissions experience, has previously worked at Concordia College in Minnesota, Iowa State

University and, most recently, Drake University in Iowa.

He and his wife Nicole, along with their 18-month-old daughter, will be moving from Iowa to the Pacific Northwest early this summer, and Stumo will begin the position July 1. The Stumos are expecting a son, due in early June.

"Karl Stumo was selected because of the breadth of his experience with recruiting freshmen, transfers, graduate students and international students in a similarly competitive market to PLU," Majovski said.

More than 15 thousand expected at Livable Communities Fair

INNA BONDARCHUK
Mast news intern

Those of you who wish to learn how you can transform your community into a better place now have a chance. Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pierce County is bringing the Livable Communities Fair to Olson Auditorium.

The fair will feature 120 booths representing public, nonprofit and commercial agencies.

This event will also present 16 speakers who will discuss a wide range of topics to help raise awareness of important issues in our communities. This is a free event and people of all ages are encouraged to attend.

Some of the issues that con-

cern our community will be addressed, such as landscaping, water quality, conservation ideas, and health information. There will also be hands-on activities ranging from a Petting Farm to Gardening with Ciscoe and hourly drawings of prizes at each workshop.

For those into adventure and entertainment, there will also be a scavenger hunt, clowns, and wild life. As for students, this will be a chance to discover new job opportunities, as some organizations will be administering job applications.

"The fair is a great vehicle for educating the public about what is happening in the community and what is being done to make it a better place to live. It addresses community issues

and available resources," said Diane Baarten, project manager. "Those who attend will find an array of networking and volunteer opportunities. This is not just a day investment but an investment in our future and our children's future."

More than 15,000 people are expected to attend this community event. Pierce Transit will make trips every 15 minutes to assist those who need transportation.

"The informed public will benefit, and the positive transformations within our communities are expected to take place soon," Baarten said. The ultimate goal is to get as many people as possible involved.

Zylstra and Painter win election

EMMA COULSON
Mast news reporter

PLU Juniors Joel Zylstra and Willie Painter were not the only students who knew they were the best candidates for the 2004-05 ASPLU presidential and vice-presidential offices. This year's campaign ended Mar. 16 with the announcement of the winners at the ASPLU general meeting.

"Do you know that Joel and Willie are the best candidates for president and vice-president?" Zylstra asked students outside of the UC while distributing the campaign partners' "I know..." stickers.

Their campaign tactics worked well. Zylstra, with 526 votes, topped junior Micheal Steele's 258. Painter earned 483 votes to junior Adam Cox's 262. A total of 800 students voted this year, a noticeable increase from last year's voter

turnout.

At the ASPLU Election debates Mar. 14, the candidates further emphasized their goals for ASPLU and the PLU student body. Zylstra stressed his personal opposition to politics and his desire to simply represent the students as best he can. He will also be moving to Pflugger next year to fulfill his goal of increased ASPLU visibility and participation in on-campus events. Not surprisingly, Painter has the same ideas for the future of ASPLU.

"I want to actualize the potential of ASPLU," Painter said. "From presence, good things will follow."

PLU students can now look forward to further interaction with President Zylstra and Vice-President Painter at upcoming events.



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Rent a rower to raise funds for PLU crew

EMMA COULSON
Mast news reporter

The PLU crew team trades rowing strokes for painting strokes at local houses near campus to raise money for new equipment. The team's boats are somewhat outdated, so the crew team is hoping to raise money to help pay for much-needed equipment.

Last year's team solicited yard and housework relief to PLU faculty and staff living in the Parkland area. Last year, the team made close to \$2,000. This year's team hopes to make just as much.

The crew team's annual fundraiser, called Rent-A-Rower, started three weeks ago and is still relying on faculty and staff support. Both novice and varsity crew are using fliers to advertise their services and rely on donations from the faculty and staff.

The team hopes to raise enough money for eight-person and four-person boats for both the men's and women's teams. These boats can cost anywhere from \$25,000 to \$30,000, so every donation is important. The teams also need

help paying for trips to several regattas, some as far away as New York.

At this point, the primary goal of the fundraiser is to pay for a trip to Ithaca, N.Y., where the varsity team will be competing this weekend. The other annual trip needing financial support is the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships in Sacramento, Calif., May 1 and 2.

The rowers will be mowing lawns, washing windows, re-barking gardens, planting, painting and any other odd jobs for donations. For the rowers, the fundraiser is not just about making money.

"It's that team bonding outside of rowing that counts," junior Amy Hildebrandt said. "It's a break from rowing in that it's a different kind of labor and it's more relaxed."

The crew team will be available to do yard work and housework around the neighborhood for the rest of the year.

For more information, contact rowers Emily Fenske at 531-7878 or Emily Larsen at 535-8184.



Photo by Andy Sprain

Sarah Salsbery and Heather Short work on "the Marge Project," a wooden boat the crew team is restoring as part of a spring fundraiser, which includes the Rent a Rower program.

Women's Center celebrates inspirational females



Photo by Andy Sprain

Amanda Feller receives her award from Women's Center Director Judy Mladineo. Each year the Women's Center honors inspirational women around PLU as part of Women's History Month.

LINDSAY TAYLOR
Mast news intern

In honor of Women's History Month, the PLU Women's Center has recognized several celebrated women in PLU's community. Among many nominees, Barbara McConathy, Amanda Feller, Alison Navarrete and Stephanie Christopher all received special recognition Tuesday at the Women's History Month Reception for their extraordinary ability to inspire others.

Every year, the 31 days in March are dedicated to celebrating and learning about the past, present and future of womankind. The PLU Women's Center carries out this tradition with a series of programs and important highlights that help the campus and community appreciate the accomplishments and inspiration of women. One of these programs is a certificate of recognition, which is meant to honor the "unsung heroes" who support others every day.

Since 1996 the Women's Center has asked PLU community members to nominate a woman in their life that has made some sort of a positive impact on them. These women can be from the university faculty, staff,

student body, family members, alumni or friends.

Once all the nominations have been made, there are usually about 25-75 nominees total. The Women's History Committee must then take on the difficult task of choosing four or five women that stand out above the rest. These individuals then receive recognition at the Women's History Month Reception.

Many men and women participated in honoring the nominees and the four highlighted women. These individuals shared numerous qualities —dedication, resourcefulness, friendship, inspiration—all expressed in the words of their peers, friends, and admirers.

"These are women who are inspiring hope and possibility. They inspire women to pursue their dreams, and promote a climate in which women can flourish," Women's Center Director Judy Mladineo said.

The means in which they do this often vary considerably since the reasons for honoring a person are the personal choice of the nominator. Someone may have demonstrated admirable strength of character, shown dedication, or simply done many little things to make a

positive change in people's lives. However, the essence of inspiration is inherent in every commendation.

Whatever strengths are highlighted, the intention of this honor is always to thank people in the community who are not often recognized for their actions and influence.

"Often women will downplay their achievements and gifts. Showing appreciation is essential...year round. They need to know the impact they have on others" Mladineo said.

If nothing else, highlighting these women is to be a reminder of everyday things that people already know. It is an attempt to recognize qualities that may be well-known, but are not pointed out. As Mladineo puts it, the award is not only meant to honor certain individuals, but to also remind everyone that "if someone has inspired you with hope and possibility, tell them."

Look for profiles of McConathy, Feller, Navarrete and Christopher in upcoming Mast issues.

For more information regarding Women's History Month programs or the Women's Center, contact womencen@plu.edu.



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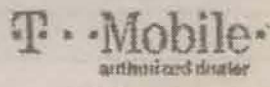
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Dance team blazes its way to a second-place finish

SOLVEIG BERG
Mast news reporter

The PLU Dance Team traveled to Portland to compete in their first competition since becoming a group in the fall 2002. Not only was the Feb. 21 competition their first, but the group consisting of eleven talented girls danced their way to a second place finish out of thirteen and the chance to perform at halftime for a Portland Trailblazers game that evening.

"When they announced the top two winners I think we were all a little in shock," Coach Tara Holliday ('94) said. "Here we were at our first competition, with no real set expectations and when they called us for second place, it was a second of being stunned and then sheer delight!"

Afterwards, the entire team received a trophy, soon to be displayed in Olson, along with special floor passes to the Trailblazers game and the chance to get ready in a locker room where only players and officials are permitted. There was a huge crowd in the Rose Garden that night as the girls danced at halftime to the Black Eyed Peas' song, "Shut-up."

The PLU dance team was created last year in response to a growing interest from the student body. Many of the students had performed in similar groups in high school and wanted to form their own team at PLU. Although the opportunities for competition in Washington are miniscule, the girls spent last year performing at local high school competitions as an "exhibit" team.

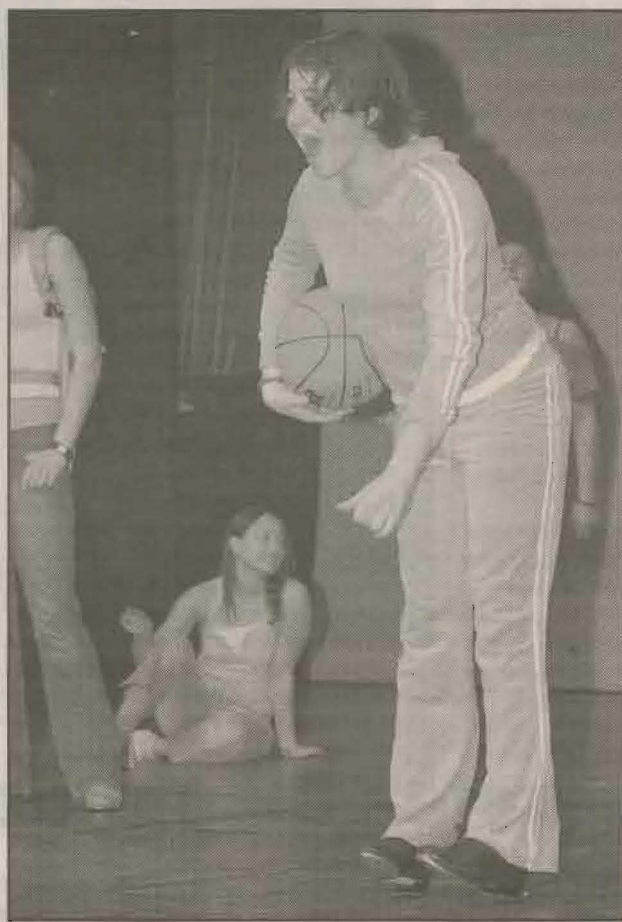
But this year Coach Holliday was delighted to hear of an event that was open to college teams as well as high school teams. The dance team wanted to get a taste of competition and receive some feedback as well. The best feedback they received came from the Portland Trailblazer's marketing director when the girls were invited to perform at another half-time event later in March. Unfortunately, the team refused due to scheduling conflicts, but was greatly honored by the invitation.

"The thing that stuck with me most was that this marketing person was more impressed by the positive attitudes and professionalism that the girls showed during the entire competition," Holliday said. "It makes me proud

to know that they have made a lasting and positive impression on someone not only by their athleticism, but by their pure being and nothing else."

Overall, it was a very uplifting experience for these girls, one they will never forget. "It was fun to finally have a goal to work toward, and that helped us work really hard as a team also," senior Annelise McDougall said. "Dancing is such an outlet for me. It's a place to go to forget about the rest of the world and do something you love at the same time."

Upcoming events for the dance team include the Dance Ensemble performance, scheduled for April 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. in Eastvold. The dance team will be switching gears and performing a



Senior Jane Berentson performs at a Dance Ensemble rehearsal. Berentson is also a member of the award-winning Dance Team.

more lyrical routine to a song called "Mama." The team has also been asked to perform at the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics April 24 at Fort Lewis.

"I think all in all a huge thank you, from not only myself, but the entire dance team is due to Maureen McGill who has built up the dance program and dance awareness around the campus," Coach Holliday said, "Without her support, there would be no dance team."

The team is not only a group of competitors, but more so a dance family. Although practices are held once a week for three hours, the girls work incredibly hard.

"They have such dedication and drive that make this team succeed," Holliday said. "They're very proud to be a part of the team, not only for the love of dance, but to be ambassadors and representatives of the school."

Auditions for the team are held at the first part of September.

For more information please contact the Dance Department at extension x7359.

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Tara Holliday
Coach



Photo by Hakme Lee

Senior Philip Betz sits attentively in associate professor of sociology Dick Jobst's class. Jobst teaches some courses in the Legal Studies minor. He is adviser of the renewed Legal Studies club, which is working to bring a prominent political figure to campus.

Legal studies club lays down the law

STEPHANIE MATHIEU
Mast news reporter

Members of the new Legal Studies club plan to invite Kenneth Starr, the independent council for the President Clinton's impeachment trial, to Pacific Lutheran University during National Law Week.

Legal Studies club is willing to raise the \$10,000 Starr requests as a fee for speaking at PLU during National Law Week, which takes

place May 16-22. The College Republicans club is co-sponsoring the event and has connections with local conservative groups willing to help donate a portion of the money to bring Starr.

Although Legal Studies club members are currently working with the College Republicans, they maintain they are a bipartisan club and will be doing projects with the Young Democrats in the future, vice president and sophomore Caitlin Wong said.

Last spring four PLU students tried to start the club, but their plans fell through. This year junior Bryce

Wigodsky, club president, resurrected their idea. "I decided to take it and go for it," he said.

Legal Studies is only offered as a minor at PLU and Wong said she thinks the Legal Studies club is an excellent resource for students seeking an education or a career in law. The club discusses legal issues and helps perspective law students study for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

Bryce Wigodsky,
President
Legal Studies club

But the Legal Studies club is not just for students interested in going to law school. It is for anyone interested in law, even as a hobby.

"We want to generate interest and knowledge in legal issues and not just law," Wigodsky said.

Legal Studies club also plans to organize a panel discussion on gay marriage from a law perspective for National Law Week. Wong said she feels although this issue has been discussed on campus, it has not been analyzed from a legal perspective. After all, the gay community is using the legal system to fight for their rights, she said.

"We want to generate interest and knowledge in legal issues and not just law."

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Deadline for J-Term is approaching: Where will you be next January?

SOLVEIG BERG
Mast news reporter

Spring is in the air, and that means the deadline for January study abroad programs is fast approaching. Choose from twenty diverse programs on topics such as business, foreign language, religion, history, and much more. There are also opportunities for first year students to participate as well. Courses offered this year span the globe from China to the Caribbean.

PLU faculty work each year to compile unique trips to suit specific students' needs in all areas of study. The deadline this year is April 30. Classes are listed below including costs, faculty, and requirements filled. Register as soon as possible as programs fill up quickly. For more information on these courses and other study abroad possibilities, contact Pat Bieber in the Wang Center.

January-term program sites for 2005 include:

NEAH BAY - "Practicing Anthropology: Makah Culture, Past and Present" (ANTH

190 or 491).
*NEW ORLEANS - "The History of Jazz in New Orleans" (MUSI 103).
TACOMA - "J-Term on the Hill" (SOCW 175 or SOCW 491).

International sites:
*BOLIVIA - "Cultural and Environmental History of the Andes" (HIST 344).

*CARIBBEAN - "Pirates of the Caribbean: The British Virgin Islands" (COMA 393).

CHINA - "Perspectives on Chinese Film: A Course for Filmmakers and Travelers" (CHIN 271)

COSTA RICA - "Intensive Spanish & Development Issues in Costa Rica" (SPAN 231 OR SPAN 331).

CUBA - "Community Development in Cuba" (INTC 246).

ECUADOR - "Nature and Literature in Ecuador: Galapagos, Amazon, and Andes" (ENGL 234).

ENGLAND - "The Business of Arts in London" (COMA 393).

*ENGLAND/SCOTLAND - "The Industrial Revolution in England and Scotland" (BUSA 485).

GERMANY - "Language, Art, and Culture in the New Germany" (GERM 231 OR GERM 331).

*GREECE, GERMANY, ENGLAND - "Moral Philosophy in Greece, England and Germany" (PHIL 125).

ITALY - "Investigating Economic and Environmental Change in Italy" (ECON 338).

ITALY - "Ancient Church History in the Eternal City of Rome" (RELI 221).

JAMAICA - "Sociology in Jamaica" (SOCI 310).

MARTINIQUE - "French Language and Caribbean Culture in Martinique" (FRENCH 141, 241 or 341)

NEW ZEALAND - "Learning and Tramping on the Tracks of New Zealand" (PHED 319).

NEW ZEALAND - "Exploring New Zealand through Children's & Adolescent Literature" (EDUC 428 & 429, or ENGL 333).

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experiences with community service.

"Caring today is not very prevalent in our society," Westering said. "When you have class, it changes things in your life. We try to teach our guys that."

Following Westering, Washington State Department of Transit members presented the council with a project to improve the safety of State Route 7, also known as Pacific Avenue. The plan includes building new traffic signals, streetlights, sidewalks and storm drains.

The estimated cost of the project is more than \$9.5 million, which will be funded by part of Pierce County's gas tax. Construction should start this summer or next spring depending on support for the project.

There is an average of one car accident each day on Pacific Avenue and a pedestrian fatality about once every three years, project engineer Troy Cowan said. He also said he believes the project will make Pacific Avenue more visually appealing.

Sen. Marilyn Rasmussen said Pacific Avenue is the second most highly traveled road in Washington. "It's not friendly," she said. "It's not safe now for people to walk along the corridor."

Following the presentation, members of the council raised some concerns with the project. One concern was whether or not the storm drains would function properly. Another was with the cost of putting the power lines that now run along State Route 7 underground.

"The last thing we want to do is build something and then start ripping it up," said Rep. Roger Bush. "I urge council to monitor it closely."

Despite these concerns, PLU's Vice President of Finance and Operations Sheri Tonn, a member of the task force, said this project is important to PLU. "We have a lot of students who walk along Pac Ave and it's not very safe."

Correction: In the March 12 issue of The Mast, the photo of John Carroll on the front page was misattributed. The photo was taken by Minerva Rios.

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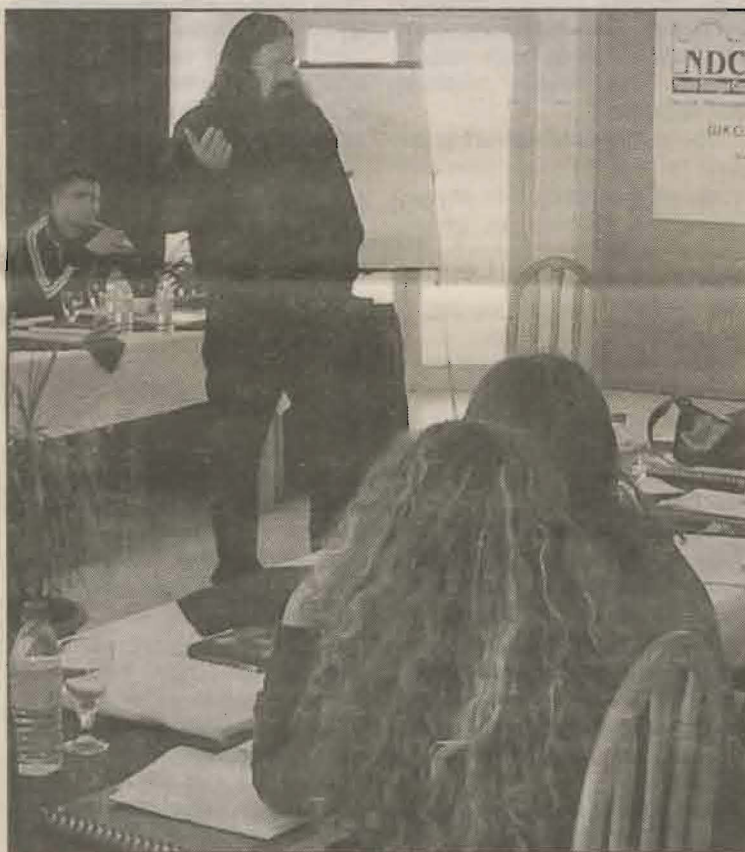


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Steinar Bryn lectures at the School for Young Politicians, Skopje, Macedonia. Bryn, Norwegian scholar visiting PLU, traveled with Edward Inch and both taught a 30-day intensive program at the school, focusing on conflict resolution and building a functioning country. Bryn already had nine years of dialog and treaty negotiation experience in the Balkans.

In conjunction with the intensity of the circumstances, the young politicians were very enthusiastic about learning and discussing ways to manage conflict. "They are eager to learn how to present messages clearly," Inch said. It was this eagerness that led Inch to experience some of his best teaching.

Another aspect of Inch's trip included working in dialog centers set up by Steinar Bryn, a visiting scholar at PLU. Within these dialog centers, Inch engaged in conversation with people who were "anxious to learn tools and techniques to create peace."

Inch firmly advocates the ability of NATO troops to curb the violence, but he said communication is the only true way to manage conflict. The dialog centers provide a necessary resource in promoting discussion between people with differing perspectives.

Many surprises greeted Inch on his trip, one of which was an early departure. Scheduled to leave March 26, Inch was forced to leave four days early due to a violent outbreak in Kosovo. While the violence did not

physically affect Inch and his colleagues, it did create a feeling of depression amongst the people working for peace. Despite discouraging circumstances, Inch said "the people working for peace probably minimized the violence."

Another surprise Inch encountered was the welcoming nature of the people. He acknowledged many people around the world feel less-than-positively about the United States, however he said the people he met were "very aware and well-read about the United States," and curious to learn more about its operation.

Inch's two weeks in Serbia and Macedonia provided him with the opportunity to work with willing learners in hopes of quelling the conflict of the area. "I am appreciative of the experience and had an outstanding trip," he said. "I learned a lot, and engaged in the best teaching I've ever done."

Inch plans to return to the area in November to follow up on work done over his two-week stay.

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much as possible and helping others improve their skills."

With the hall reserved for language students next year, current Hong residents find themselves displaced for next year. To deal with this problem, Residential Life has set up a group of people to help situate current residents next year. The group, including Smolko, Residential Life Director Tom Huelsbeck and current Hong President Sam Lessard, will give answers to any Hong residents or otherwise who have questions about living situations next year.

Sunday night, before the housing fair next week, there will also be a mini-fair for Hong residents. Smolko and Huelsbeck will be in attendance to help Hong residents with any questions they may have. While deciding where to live, this year's Hong residents will receive an extra half point towards their housing priority score.

Despite the dramatic changes to the hall, there are still plans for desk workers and a hall council. There will not, however, be a traditional RA with Additional Duties. Smolko and the rest of the members of the planning committee are continuing work on next year's setup, and do not yet have a definitive plan.

"We're kind of taking it step by step," Smolko said. "We would like there to be a hall council just like every other hall to organize events and be there to greet people."

For students interested in living in Hong next year, applications are available on the residential life Web site www.plu.edu/~rlif/.

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From the editor

Why do the faculty stay? One can only speculate

Today marks the end of Communication and Theatre Week. Alumni and professional speakers came to campus to share their careers with students, how they got to where they are and, in the case of alumni, how PLU helped them achieve their career goals.

This was a chance to celebrate all things Communication and Theatre. But in some ways, much of what the alumni said was a celebration of PLU and its dedicated faculty.

You remember the faculty, don't you?

They are the people who give us homework during spring break, research papers that could pass for novellas and so much reading we start with our morning coffee and end long after Jay Leno signs off for the night.

But if it is the students who make up the body of a school, it is the faculty who mold its direction and its future.

We, as students at PLU, are here only a few years, faculty are here for the long haul. But they are not just passive employees of a faceless institution. The faculty focuses their efforts on us, their students.

It's no secret they are not here for the money. These men and women have PhDs but it isn't necessarily evident in the pay scale.

For the lack of salary incentive, PLU is not exactly scraping the bottom of the academic barrel. Our faculty is among the best in their fields. They have published articles in academic journals, written textbooks and books for the popular press. They are sought after as speakers at conferences in the United States and abroad.

And let's face it, we all love PLU, but it's not exactly Ivy League. And Tacoma is not exactly a bastion of higher learning like Boston or New York City.

So why do the faculty stay, if not for money or prestige? Certainly they could get better placements elsewhere.

We can only speculate. Apparently, PLU has a generous retirement program. And PLU has a sabbatical program that grants a year off for research or study to virtually everyone who applies for it. Other schools sabbatical placements are much more competitive. And all employers struggle with the cost of medical insurance, but PLU does what it can.

These amenities are nice, but hardly enough to keep an employee at a given institution.

This requires a little more speculation.

There is dedication to academia for academia's sake. These idealists believe education in their given field will change the world. Perhaps the faculty believes PLU, with its dedication to global education, is the ideal classroom from which to change the world.

This idea is worth exploring further.

The faculty members at PLU do not teach from ivory towers. They teach in the context of the present day. They bring in the realities of the world in which we live and intertwine them with the academic principles of their given field.

And there is us, the students.

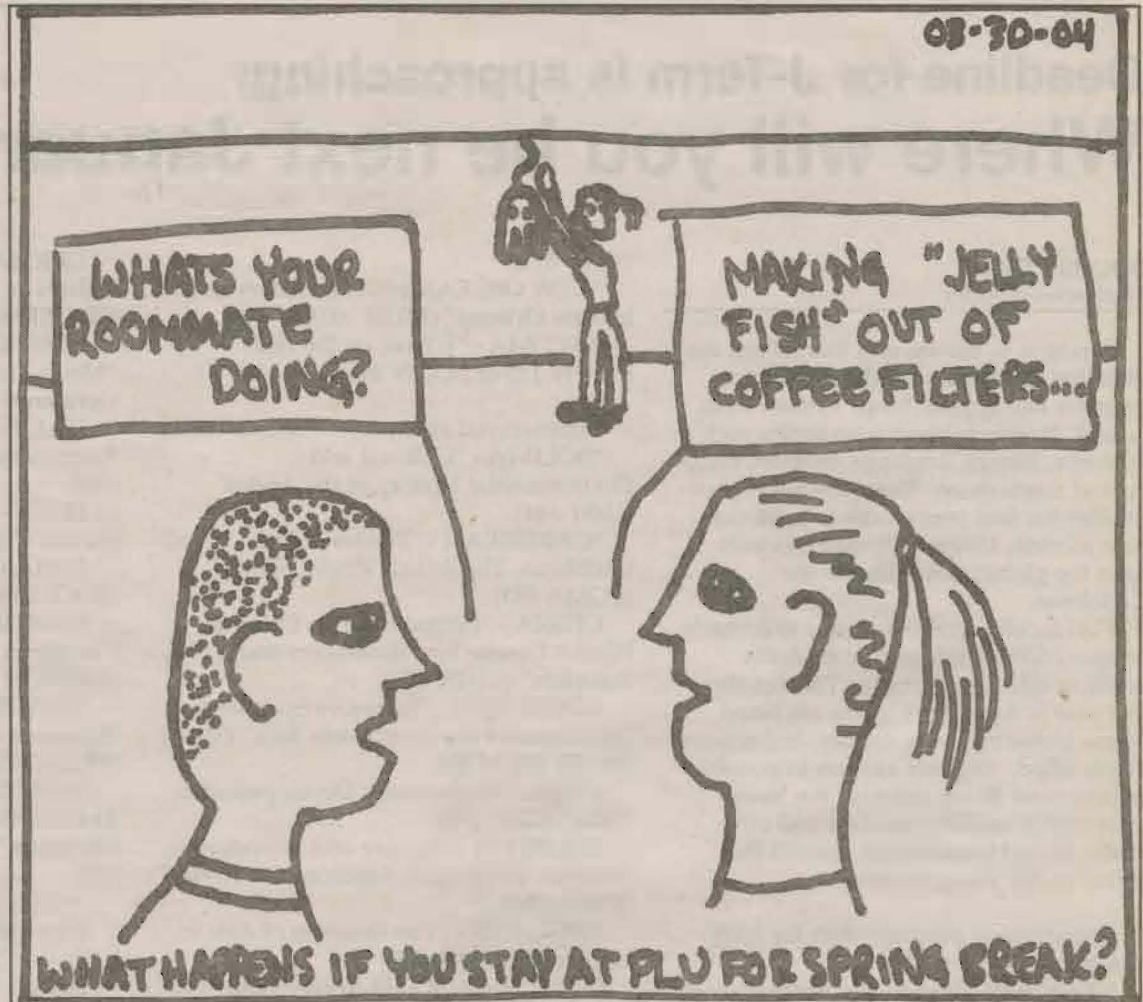
Last month, I attended a banquet honoring the recipients of the Ben Cheney Foundation Scholarship. The faculty who nominated the students introduced the recipients.

I wish you all could have been there to see the pride in each faculty member's eyes as they recounted the accomplishments of their students. I think I may have caught a glimpse into why these men and women stick around.

Of course, this is all speculation. Perhaps they really are sticking around for the retirement plan.

Their job includes more than just teaching and research. The faculty has to deal with bureaucratic complications that have nothing to do with teaching. Endless committee meetings and slow institutional change can discourage even the most ideal faculty member. Their job is not all fun and games.

But still they stay. I do not know why. But I am grateful.



Enjoying the meal of life in China



Correspondence from Chengdu Ben Rasmus

Man-man chi, a phrase I have ordered countless times while eat out with my comrades in China, means "eat slowly" when translated. I have grown to adore this phrase, and it has become a slogan for my time studying in Chengdu.

The anxieties of daily life in China are far passed, and now I am able to enjoy one of the centerpiece of China: food. The culinary masterpieces of this country awaken taste buds I previously did not know existed, and the Chinese certainly know how to enjoy their time eating.

The pace of meals is slow, and the cuisine is served communally. This communal tradition of the meal adds a sense of camaraderie and improves the environment of the meal.

The custom is to order one more dish than there are people, so if a group of four is out for a meal, five dishes does the trick. The tradition while eating out in China is not to stuff down as much food as possibly in the shortest amount of time, as is often the case in the obese lands of the United States, but to savor

each morsels of food, and not overindulge in heavy quantities.

The pace of the meal might be slow, however, eating is certainly not boring. The Chinese word for the atmosphere in their restaurants is *renao* literally meaning "hot and noisy."

The cuisine and environment here in the Sichuan province seems to exemplify this phrase. Sichuan is known in of all Chinese regional cuisine to be the spiciest, with the mouth numbing chili pepper *lajiao* appearing in the majority of the dishes.

At first the spice here is truly numbing, but overtime the taste buds become dulled and the spice is easily handled. The most terrific and feared meal in Chengdu is *Huo guo* or hot-pot.

Each hot-pot table comes specially equipped with its own butane burner to heat the center pot concocted of oil, *lajiao* and herbs, along with a few fish heads. Once the concoction starts to bubble, the hot-potter sticks an assortment of meats and vegetables into the immense bowl to cook.

At a hot-pot restaurant there is food for both the weak and the brave stomach. The basics range from mushrooms and chicken breast to the extremes of goose intestines and Chinese cabbage. Either way the meal will make it out of your system before bedtime, probably, to the horror of your roommates nose.

A surprisingly tasty cuisine here is the joy of bean curd. The morally inclined Buddhists and Daoists may have given up eating meat, yet they have turned cooking bean curd into an art.

At various Buddhist temples, one will be fooled into thinking they are eating pork when the dish, in fact, consists of nothing more than spices, herbs, and bean curd. Not too surprising when considering the Buddhist outlook of life is all an illusion, I was just surprised to find out their food is as well.

Even though I miss my late night runs to Taco Bell, the street vendors here rival any fast food joint open around the clock. If one knows were to look, a cheap street feast can be had anytime of the day for under fifty cents. One delicious option is barbecue mutton skewers found at *Xinjiang Uyghur* stands, a type of Turkic/Muslim minority group home to the northern reaches of China.

Other favorites include the staples *Jiaoza* and *Baozi*. *Jiaoza* is a type of dumpling served fried, steamed or in soup. *Baozi* is a steamed bun stuffed with spices and beef, and is one of those joyful snacks tasty for breakfast, lunch, dinner and, of course, as a snack. This can all be washed down with more bean curd; a type of sweet soymilk served warm in plastic sacks that must be punctured with a straw to access.

The slow and rhythmic pace of meals in China seems to correspond to the mass's way of life, trying their best to simply enjoy the moment they are in. This especially seems the case for their meals, to take time to savor their food, company, conversation and, most importantly, life.

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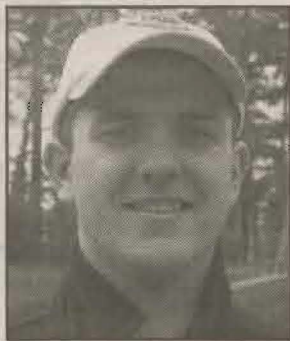


"It depends on the situation. If you're not disturbing anyone and you do not have a roommate, it's fine and dandy."

Shannon Newman-Lindberg
Sophomore

"I think for a Lutheran school it is pretty loose. It's not as bad as SPU. I think it's just right for a liberal Lutheran school."

Zach Batson
First-year



"I guess if anything, it's sometimes an inconvenience at best. But also sometimes unnecessary."

Tyler Pugh
Sophomore

"I don't really agree with it. We're old enough to make our own choices."

Ashley Lopez
First-year



Come to the public debate on visitation policy put on by the PLU forensics team April 7 at 7 p.m. in Xavier 201.

Self-discovery in capstone class



What Now? Jamie Shipman

I have been doing a lot of thinking lately, which, for me, can be very dangerous. Who knows what insane idea could end up in my head?

Deep thought has led me to many crazy things, including fire-engine-red hair, three tattoos and a pierced nose.

I promised my husband that I wouldn't cut or dye my hair while he is gone, so that is out; and I really don't want any more piercings. (I had a bad experience with a belly button ring.) Thus, I am led back to tattoos, which I whole heartedly believe are a bonafide addiction.

Last Friday, I went to my favorite tattoo parlor only to find the tattoo artist wasn't in. I came back a few hours later and he still wasn't there. So, I gave up. Obviously, it just wasn't meant to be.

With nothing outrageous to do, I decided to try some homework.

I am currently working on my capstone portfolio, and am supposed to be reflecting on my college career. I started taking college classes when I was 16, so that gives me four and one-half years to review. A lot has happened since I got my dri-

ver's license and enrolled in Running Start.

Amanda Feller, the professor in charge of the Communication capstone class, asked us to draw four pictures: 1) My best self, 2) The defining moment(s) that led me to where I am, 3) The value of my education and 4) The essence of my vocation.

The question of what defining moment guided me to where I am now captivated my thoughts. Where am I now? And how did I get here?

I ran over these questions again and again in my mind. I came to a basic conclusion of where I am now. I am married, a senior at PLU, living in Olympia, working four jobs (all part time) and coaching youth sports.

I realized there are a lot of little events that steered me to my current state of being. But there is one period of time that had the largest affect on the me of today.

In the short two month period following my first year at PLU, my life drastically changed. I was 19 years old, and thought that my world had fallen apart.

It began with my quest to move off campus. A week before I was supposed to move, my roommate backed out, and I was forced to move back to my parent's house in Olympia.

I was adjusting to living with my parents again when my sister married in July. At the reception, my sister threw a temper tantrum and told my father to leave. This resulted in my sister not allowing me or my parents to see her children,

my niece and nephew.

It was very difficult for me to deal with the loss of my niece and nephew, but to make the situation worse, my best friend of six years and I had a big fight. She got mad at me because I refused to stop being friends with her ex-boyfriend.

On Aug. 5, 2002 my great aunt and uncle were murdered in their home by their mentally disabled son. My whole family was in shock. It didn't seem real. The next day I broke off all ties to my former best friend when she called and yelled at me about some petty topic.

It was then that I fell apart. I was depressed and wouldn't talk to any of the few friends I had left, except for Seth. He was my life line.

On Nov. 29, 2002 my life changed drastically yet again.

After my last class, I drove to Seth's house. We started one of our long talks, which led to discussing our future in a 'what if' sense. After talking for quite awhile, he asked me to marry him (unofficially, because he didn't have a ring), and I said yes.

Since that day, my life steadily began to improve. My sister allowed me to see my niece and nephew; I patched things up with my friend; and my cousin was found unfit to stand trial and sent to a mental health facility.

This chain of events had a large effect on the decisions I have made in both my personal life and academic career. And these decisions made me who I am today.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let the Fourth Gospel continue to speak

PLU historian and personal friend Bob Ericksen rightly warns us PLUers in the last *Mast* against our culture's fostering dangerous anti-Semitism as we view Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. From what I know about it, he seems to me to trace, also rightly, many of the film's many problematic idiosyncrasies to "Old Catholics" who are slow to adjust to their church's Vatican II repudiation of all forms of anti-Semitism. Three things, however, should be added to foster fruitful discussion in our midst of three key issues involved.

First, concerning "the accuracy of the biblical gospels," particularly that of the fourth gospel (John), lest that gospel continue to "get the bad press" it does not deserve. The biblical Passion stories were not, I submit, intended to narrate what happened, but to interpret what happened as Good News. To attempt to judge the gospels via "purely" historical criteria is to limit what they want to say. Something more must therefore be said about the fourth gospel's alleged "anti-Semitism."

It is true the evangelist John most often uses the concept "the Jews" (in the context of his overall message) as "the Jews who rejected Jesus." We must, however, also recognize that, for instance, in his famous Samaritan Woman episode (where a comparison of religion surfaces) the message about the

Jews is genuinely positive. There John's Jesus Himself tells the Samaritan Woman, "Salvation is from the Jews" (John 4:22). It is, in fact, so positive that the Nazis and their nationalistic supporters, the self-stylized deutsche Christen, sought to have the German-Language Bible Societies eliminate Luther's translation: *Das Heil kommt von den Juden*.

A second point concerns alleged anti-Semitism in the New Testament. All of us can, in my opinion, learn from the helpful comments of John Dominic Crossan in *Excavating Jesus*, when he call us to include, the necessary background of Jewish purity codes, since "debates about these rules within Judaism became debates and invectives against Judaism. Polemical caricatures of Pharisaic Jews by Christian Jews, of Essene Jews by Pharasaic Jews or of Sadducean Jews by Essene Jews are fights inside and not from outside the family. But because of the pervasive and long-standing Christian misunderstanding, usually coupled with false accusations of Pharisaic legalism, the Jewish concept of purity and the surety system in the Second Temple period need historical clarification and not mindless repetition (128)."

Finally, in today's world of diverse cultures and, most directly, in the midst of our American Cultural War between "Conservatives" and "Liberals" all of us must

become much more independent and self-critical - and loving - than we have been and are. We need to "stop it" and do better. (Getting, for instance, personally involved, as I see it, in our world that cries out for our help.)

Otherwise, we may well, as I see it, end up with the same mess the Germans made of their promising affairs some 70 years ago. Then "the conservatives" finally handed things over to Hitler and The Nationalist Socialist Party for the final solution while "the liberals" of that day chose the path ("the way") advocated by the Communist Party, and ended up with Stalinism. God's judgment, as I see it, came down on both (something we may, as I see it, expect from God who will have the last say at the resurrection of the dead and the final judgment which the Father has given over to Jesus.)

Ironically, the most significant parts of Gibson's *Passion* came for me not only in the words from the Cross, but, also in printed flashbacks, from Jesus' earlier teachings about loving one's enemies, about self-sacrificing love and about living for others - saying almost all transmitted to us through "the disciple whom Jesus loved" and the fourth evangelist.

Ralph Gehrke
Religion professor emeritus



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Party politics receive tepid call

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College Republicans National Committee

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Young America's Foundation

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PLU's College Republicans Web site

www.plu.edu/~colre-pub

Independent

Ralph Nader, former Green Party candidate in the 2000 election, is running for president in 2004 as an independent candidate

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From the look of campus involvement in politics, this is not an election year. While political activism predictably swells every four years in anticipation for the presidential election, and dies down in between, this year's patriots on both sides remain slumbering. Have politics at Pacific Lutheran University fallen victim to apathy, lack of leadership or has civic involvement shifted to less traditional forms?

LAINA WALTERS
LuteLife editor

Dropping names and business cards like a professional, President of College Republicans Patrick Bell has the energy and expertise to organize biweekly meetings for campus conservatives. Yet, as the political year gears up, the junior political science major said he hopes to establish a more visible club presence through campaigning, bringing GOP candidates to campus, and encouraging debate on political issues. He said he hopes this will bolster recruitment efforts and encourage participation in politics across the university.

The club currently functions as a support and conversation group for conservatives who often feel ostracized and misunderstood by a liberal campus climate, Bell said. He said PLU has many "closet conservatives" and active Christians who are afraid to speak up in class when issues come up and instead "stare at the floor with their ears burning."

According to the Young America's Foundation, there is an 18 to one ratio of Democrats to Republicans within the faculty and staff of most college campuses, Bell said. He estimates PLU's ratio to be about the same, but would like to conduct a study to find out.

Bell said he feels conservative students are often labeled as intolerant and hate mongers.

"If you (conservative students) have something to say, say it and we will support you." To foster discussion, he emails interesting news articles to the 52 group members and brings up topics. About a dozen people regularly attend the meetings to discuss issues in person.

A self-described moderate republican, Bell frequents events with slants he does not necessarily agree with, but is committed to "not crashing the other side." He attended the recent "Queer Issues and Christianity" panel as an example of his openness. For Bell, the panel discussion did not go far enough, as many discussions on campus do not. "People didn't get answers to their questions." He wanted to know if the campus pastors would marry a same-sex couple.

Yet, Bell knows not many people are as active in political issues as he is and they would attend events they do not agree with, much less attend meetings with like minds. "There's always a personal connection to politics," Bell said, yet people think it does not affect them.

Political Science chair Wallace Spencer said, "Students will involve themselves to the extent that they think it is worthwhile to do so," and likens musing about how to increase student political participation to musing about how to encourage students to studying more.

Bell has an idea for increasing PLU participation. He would like to suggest PLU make it mandatory to vote along-side registering for classes.

Involvement outside the Lutedome

Despite a tepid presence on campus, College Republicans are actively involved in the greater Tacoma area.

For the past two and a half years, Bell has gained first-hand experience through an internship with the Attorney General of Washington, working on consumer protection in Tacoma. Through personal experience,

meet-and-greet events and avidly reading the newspaper, Bell has a long list of people he would like to invite to campus for lectures, ranging from King County Sheriff Dave Reichert, who is running for congress in the eighth district and was involved in the Green River killer decision, to U.S. representative George Nethercutt.

However, inviting speakers to campus involves difficult planning and paperwork, so sometimes it is easier for the young Republicans to go outside the Lutedome to meet political leaders.

Five people attended the Lincoln Day celebrations held recently, Bell and senior Peter Gonnason attended the Republican caucus held at Fern Hill Elementary School March 9. Lutes Bell, Gonnason, first-year Katie Toop and juniors Holly Schoepper and Elisabeth Kingston volunteered at a fundraising luncheon for GOP candidate Dino Rossi Tuesday at the Sheraton. Bell is a delegate to the county caucus held sometime in May.

At the recent republican caucus the important issues were winning the war on terror and gay marriage. While Bell said he believes these are important issues, his primary concern is for the economy and other domestic issues, in which he thinks other college students are likewise concerned. He was surprised that electronic voting systems and how to fix the traffic problem arose as issues. The number one issue for him is making Washington State more job friendly for graduates to find jobs in the areas they had planned on working.

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Junior Patrick Bell, President of College Republicans Tuesday at the Sheraton the luncheon.



ASPLU

800 people voted out of 3400 (25%) in the presidential election

5% is the national voting average for campus politics

Democrats de

LAINA WALTERS
LuteLife editor

Organized donkeys are hard to find these days, at least wearing their donkey gear. The Young Democrats branch of PLU has been inactive since ASPLU President Scott Stauffer abdicated presidential positions for the 2003-04 school year to concentrate on leading the general student body. The club floundered in his absence.

Stauffer, a junior, said he plans to take the club reins again this spring when he retires from ASPLU. The revitalization will coincide with the natural ebb and flow of both political party clubs, which attract more involvement during election years.

Without a club to currently lead, Stauffer philosophized on the lack of interest in campus organizing, and why the Democratic party would be more likely to fall short of club status. "Fundamentally, Democrats are less structured as a party," Stauffer said. He said organizing such a tolerant political umbrella that incorporated so many ideals, such as the Democratic party, according to Stauffer, can cause some organizational obstacles. "It isn't always the Christian hard line," that Stauffer said he sees more in the Republican party.

Left, loose and active



Photo courtesy of Alexa Folsom-Hill

Senior Ryan Neary grooves out by the Student Activist Coalition table at the Involvement Fair last fall. SAC is an umbrella organization for G.R.E.A.N., the Vegetarian Alliance, the Feminist Student Union and the Anthropology Club. While not affiliated with a particular political party, SAC is very active in political issues.

Campus interest

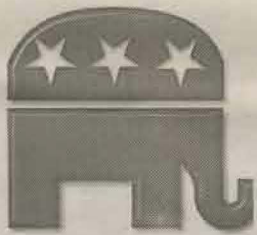
Americans rouse PLU students



Photo courtesy of Patrick Bell

President of PLU's chapter of College Republicans, poses with Seattle Seahawk Robbie Tobeck, senior Peter Gonnason at a fundraising event for GOP candidate Dino Rossi held at PLU. First-year Katie Toop and juniors Holly Schoepper and Elisabeth Kingston also attended.

College Republicans, national chapter organization



Young Democrats, local chapter of the national organization, inactive club status



When: Meetings at 5:30-6:00 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month

Where: University Center meeting rooms

ASPLU President Scott Stauffer hopes to reactivate the club under the structure of College Democrats later this spring when the new ASPLU president takes over

Refract as campus club

He also attributes no general sense of urgency to why students don't feel the need to be involved. Yet, as November's presidential election draws near, he expects students to look around for ways to participate in the national conversation. "This is when people need to step up."

Political science chair Wallace Spencer said organizational continuity within such a transient population as a college is a difficult objective. He said academic years play havoc with political campaigns, as most campaigns gear up over the summer, leaving the hot and heavy campus involvement for early fall.

Stauffer said when he plans to reactivate the club he will do so under the College Democrats structure instead of the previous affiliation with the Young Democrats organization. At first glance, the structure seems more coherent, Stauffer said.

The aspiring politician claims to be fascinated with order, despite being a Democrat, he said jokingly. He hopes to work for Oregon democratic senator Ron Wyden this summer as a foot in the door to the real legislative process. He and other members of ASPLU recently lobbied Olympia on behalf of independent colleges.

"I love the whole atmosphere of a capitol like that," Stauffer said.

As wrapped up in his future ambitions as

politics are for Stauffer, he said he understands why students aren't heavily involved in party politics. "People who vote are those who are directly impacted by the election...we don't have to confront decisions yet as young people."

Students, like other people, have other priorities. Political science chair Wallace Spencer said, "(students) have lots of other things going on in their lives and this is a problem with Americans in general."

However, said Spencer, "by a lot of indicators, this campus isn't too bad in (political activism). I think we do a great deal already (to encourage students as a university)." There is emphasis on service and active interaction with the community through academic departments and organizations such as the volunteer center and campus ministry, Spencer said.

Stauffer said he feels while political participation might be small in numbers, there is a great faith in the political system that quietly compensates for recordable participation. Those who don't vote feel "it's being taken care of" by elected and appointed officials, said Stauffer, and so they do not have to actively participate if they don't have time.

Still, Stauffer said, "I wonder what would happen if we called a (Young Democrat) meeting."

Safety beat

3/11/2004

Campus Safety and Information responded to a report of a broken window in Pflueger Hall. Upon arrival CSIN made contact with a PLU student. The student stated at approximately 1:30 a.m. he heard a "crashing" sound. At the time, he believed something had fallen off his desk and he went back to sleep. When he awoke around 9:10 a.m. he discovered his window was broken and rock on the floor of his room. A report was completed. Plant Services and the Residential Director were contacted and advised of the situation.

Campus Safety and Information responded to a call for assistance from Parking Enforcement Officers regarding an individual who was following them in order to confront them regarding a parking infraction he had just received. Upon arrival, CSIN made contact with a PLU student. The student stated he was a PLU employee and was loading/unloading sound equipment.

He was driving his personal vehicle and had no pass/permission to be parked in the area. He was advised of the appeal system regarding parking infractions and he was not to confront/argue with Parking Enforcement personnel. He reluctantly agreed. All units cleared scene. The matter has been forwarded to Student Conduct for further action.

3/14/2004

Campus Safety and Information made contact with a PLU student at the intersection of 125th and Park Avenue. The student was attempting to stretch plastic wrap across Park Avenue in an effort to impede traffic. When questioned, the suspect became uncooperative and argumentative. Pierce County Sheriff's Department was contacted and responded.

The suspect continued to be uncooperative with PCSD. The suspect attempted to strike the deputy and knocked a Campus Safety radio out of the hand of the PCSD deputy. The suspect was placed on the ground and handcuffed by PCSD. The suspect was placed under arrest for Reckless Endangerment, Assault 3, Disorderly Conduct and Destruction of University Property. The matter has been forwarded to Student Conduct for further action.

3/16/04

Campus Safety and Information responded to a report of possible drug use in Pflueger. Upon arrival CSIN made contact with the on-duty Resident Assistant. The RA reported there was a strong smell of what she suspected to be marijuana emitting from a dorm room. CSIN and the RA made contact with the PLU students. Both denied consuming marijuana. A room search was conducted at the request of the RA. No drugs or drug paraphernalia was discovered, however,

er, alcohol was discovered. The alcohol was confiscated and destroyed. The matter has been forwarded to Student Conduct for further action.

3/17/04

Campus Safety and Information responded to a report from Dining Services that two males had stolen cereal containers and other food items from the dining area. One suspect was identified as a PLU student. In addition to the theft, a "pellet" gun, prescription medication and drug paraphernalia were discovered inside the student's backpack. Upon questioning, the suspect identified another PLU student as being the second person involved in the theft from the dining area. When questioned, the second suspect admitted to assisting in the theft.

While retrieving the food items, a strong odor of alcohol was noticed inside the room of the suspects. A room search was conducted. Numerous bottles of alcohol and empty alcohol containers were discovered. The suspects turned over several cereal containers taken from the dining area and numerous bottles of unopened beer and several empty alcohol containers. The matter has been forwarded to Student Conduct for further action.

3/18/04

Campus Safety Information officers responded to a report of a male viewing pornography on the PLU library computer system. Officers arrived and contacted a 44-year-old, non-PLU student. The individual admitted to viewing the pornographic material and was warned of PLU's strict policy with regard to computer use. He was removed from PLU property for the day and advised any future incidents would result in his being permanently banned from all PLU property. No further action required at that time.

Campus Safety and Information responded to a report of several PLU student vehicles with slashed tires in the South Hall parking lot. Upon arrival, contact was made with each of the owners, a report taken and Pierce County Sheriff's Department contacted. Three of the four students filed a police report.

3/19/04

Campus Safety and Information officers contacted a group of four juvenile males who had been seen urinating on the walls of the University Center men's restroom. The group was extremely hostile and belligerent towards officers and failed to provide most of their information. The group was trespassing on PLU property and escorted out of the area. No further action taken.

3/22/04

A non-PLU student was Persona Non Grata'd due to contacting escort services from Olson Auditorium. The individual, a Washington High School student, had been attempting to contact escorts from the courtesy phone inside Olson.





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Boys in skirts

Annual Miss Lute competition gave Lute men opportunity to don traditional beauty pageant wear, including skirts, swimsuits and high heels.



MEGGAN JOHNSON
Mast A&E reporter

PLU students abandoned their midterm studies and flocked to the University Center Mar. 18. What could cause such a dedicated student body to throw caution to the wind and desist from their studies? Some would say the most momentous occasion to grace the campus all year – the Miss Lute 2004 competition.

Miss Lute is PLU's annual mock beauty pageant featuring one talented, and brave, young man from each of the traditional resident halls. Each Miss Lute contestant assumes the guise a famous female pop icon and then competes in four categories: swimwear, talent, eveningwear and question and answer.

Christina Aguilera, Gwen Stefani, Alanis Morissette and many others all graced the stage this year. The grand prize - the crown, and a \$75 Best Buy gift certificate.

The Miss Lute Pageant received accolades from a most enthusiastic audience. Students from each hall turned out in force to support their candidate. Throughout the evening, the crowd's enthusiasm added to the competition's hilarity, as well as encouraging the contestants to forsake their pride and not hold anything back.

This encouragement had its desired affect, with contestants

doing everything from giving lap dances to the judges, wearing thongs and just having an overall good time.

While the entire night proved absolutely hysterical, the talent competition was particularly amusing, with each contestant dressed as a pop icon while lip synching one of their songs with back-up dancers in tow. All of the performers did extremely well – lip synching with ease, as well as mimicking some of their star's more annoying traits.

Miss Pflueger, Jake Cornett, as Janet Jackson impressed judges and audience alike with his amazing wiggling hips, while Miss Stuen's Max Falkenberg, performance of Alanis Morissette's "You Oughta Know..." brought down the house. By straightening his own shoulder-length curly hair for the performance, jumping up and down on chairs, and stalking across the stage with attitude that was felt all the way in the back of the room, Falkenberg's show-stopping performance epitomized everything Alanis Morissette.

"Max's lip-synching was incredible!" first-year Nicole Boland said. "He really got into it."

During the competition interview, when asked about the most memorable moment in his life thus far, Falkenberg replied: "Well, I have had a lot of memorable moments in my life – becoming famous, finding God.

But I think the most memorable moment was the dream I had last night. I dreamt that I was walking down a hallway in Harstad, and suddenly I was surrounded by all these amazing women. And they understood me, and I understood them, and we all lived in peace and harmony together."

Seeing as Harstad Hall Council judged the competition, Falkenberg's response undoubtedly endeared him to the judges.

Other memorable interview responses included that of Miss Hinderlie Randy Saager response to whether Zach, Screech or Slater of Saved by the Bell fame was his dream man.

"Screech, because I like to be bigger than any man I'm with," Saager said.

Miss Hong Ryan Ochoa also earned chuckles when he said Mr. T would make an excellent president.

But when all was said and done, it was none other than Falkenberg who was crowned Miss Lute 2004. Hinderlie's Randy Saager was declared first runner-up, receiving a \$50 gift certificate to Best Buy, while Pflueger's Jack Cornett received a \$25 gift certificate as the second runner-up.

Miss Lute 2004 proved to be a hysterical evening full of laughs, hall pride and student camaraderie. It was definitely worth the study break.

All photos by Brian Bradshaw

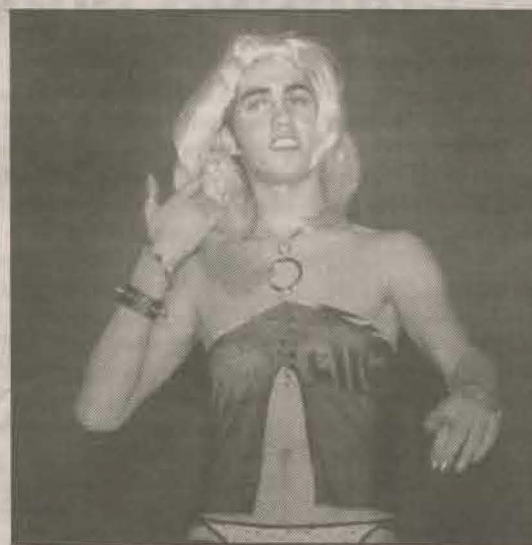
Above: Miss Stuen, Max Falkenberg performs as Alanis Morissette, lip syncing "You Oughta Know..." Falkenberg took home the grand prize, the crown and \$75 gift certificate to Best Buy.



Above: Jon Cummings performs during the talent portion of the competition.



Right: Janet Jackson, aka Jake Cornett dances during the competition, complete with a back-up dancer.



Left: Ryan Ochoa performs his talent during the competition.

Below: Randy Saager performs "Like a Virgin" as Madonna. Saager took home first runner up for his feminine antics.



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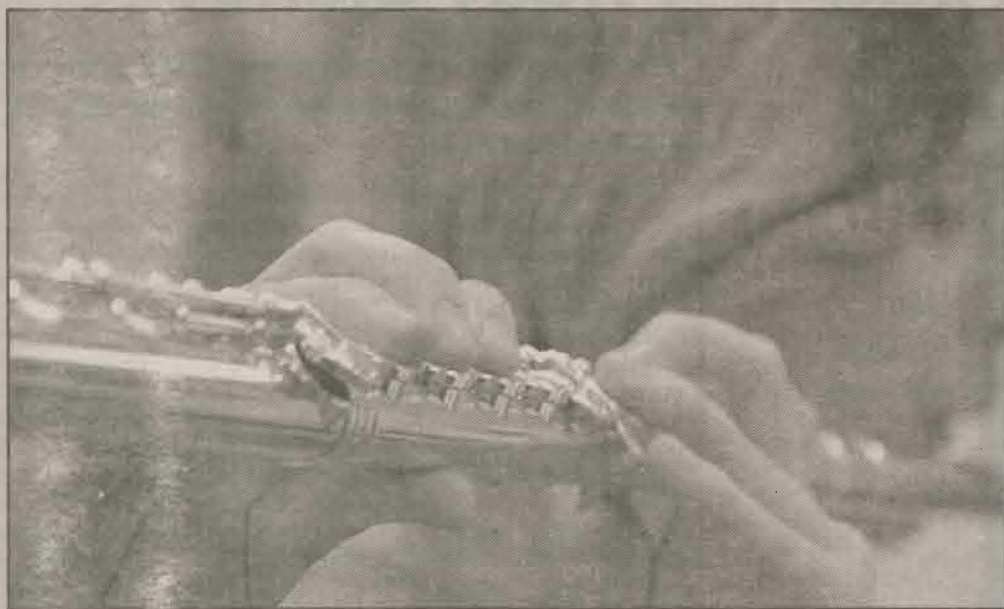


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PLU alumnus Aimee Burkenbine plays during rehearsal. The Solvinden Flute Choir rehearses once a week under the instruction of Rae Terpenning. The 9 members will be joined by alumni for a 10th anniversary concert, April 13 at 8 p.m. in Lagerquist concert hall.

Dawn of the Dead: Creating a successful re-make



Someone sneezed in my popcorn: at the movies with Matt McVay

As you may or may not know, there are a whole slew of movies being remade. It's actually happened for quite some time, even Cecil B. DeMille's *Ten Commandments* in 1956 was a remake of its earlier version. But I digress, lets focus on the remake of George Romero's cult classic *Dawn of the Dead*.

With the success of the most recent horror film remake, *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, certain criteria was determined for a remake to be considered worthy. Only after watching the original film

and its predecessor can one determine if the remake is worthwhile.

1. Fix story problems. Both *Dawn* and *Massacre* accomplished this, filling in plot holes that help flesh out the whole film. Dialogue was not a real important thing during the originals. Most would think dialogue isn't needed in a horror film, but sometimes it is nice to know why someone is doing what they are doing. Also to establish a connection with the characters.

2. Up the Ante. You have to increase the suspense, action, and most importantly, gore. Watching the original *Dead* movies, I was impressed with the quality of the special effects created so long ago. You can see many people literally torn apart. But the remake was able to take it to a level that isn't ridiculous but much higher.

3. Make the villain scary. Movie-makers changed Leather Face from a fat grunting, hedge trimmer to a truly psychotic, creepy-as-hell mass murderer. Same goes for *Dawn's* zombies,

monsters who originally wandered around mindlessly, accidentally bump into a live person and take a bite. The new zombies are faster, stronger and much, much scarier. Much like *28 Days Later*, these zombies actually present a challenge to the movies lead characters.

4. It's a movie for God's sake. When remaking a cult movie, no director should ever take their project to seriously. *Dawn* had quite a few lighter moments, helping to contrast the tempo from scary to funny and back again. The original series seemed to get caught up in some "message" that was never really quite clear.

Is this film going to spark some controversial debate? Is it going to become a classic? No. Is it going to be considered in the AFI's top 100 films? Of course not. I know it, they know it and so should you.

Will it entertain you? Well if you are in the mood for gratuitous amounts of blood, guts and gore then by all means see *Dawn of the Dead*. If it doesn't scare you it will at least make you giggle.

Coming soon- Comic book madness, revenge movies up for a second helping, and The Rock as our next action hero.

Dawn of the Dead can be viewed at Galaxy Tacoma 6 and Regal Lakewood 15.

Horoscopes

DAVOR MITROVIC

Special to the mast



Aries March 20 - April 19

Work: Invigorated by the sun, spending time in your sign, this is the week for initiating new projects – spread those wings and take off! **Love:** As with work, this week promises amorous adventures, with the possible return of a long-lost love. You just enjoy and explore. **Health:** Pamper those nerves. **Lucky Numbers:** 16, 31, 35, 40, 70, 86, 87



Taurus April 20 - May 19

Work: All of a sudden there are all these new scenarios, which leave you feeling completely confused. Be wise enough to avoid public debates. **Love:** The single section of this sign is in for some serious turbulence, the kind founded in raw passion. Couples stay boring. **Health:** Nothing worth mentioning. **Lucky Numbers:** 18, 26, 34, 38, 47, 49, 87



Gemini May 20 - June 20

Work: These coming days are, like Parkland, extremely uncomfortable, but you will endure. Stick to the advice of a friend. **Love:** Your love life is as exciting as the Sahara Desert, with Tuesday being your own little oasis – anticipate your partner's undivided attention. **Health:** You can't really complain. **Lucky Numbers:** 16, 30, 31, 40, 44, 71, 96



Cancer June 21 - July 21

Work: How you got yourself into this mess is truly a case for the C.S.I., and you will need to work off several calories to get it all back in order. **Love:** You crave care and compassion, but will have tough luck finding it. Stuff yourself with chocolate to prevent bitterness. **Health:** General moodiness. **Lucky Numbers:** 27, 29, 42, 75, 77, 82, 100



Leo July 22 - Aug. 22

Work: The pieces of the puzzle are coming together, constructing a creative period for you. Exploit it sensibly to the fullest. **Love:** Well, it was about time for you to wake up. Remember to live in the present, and use this weekend to extravagant entertainment. **Health:** Green tea is good for colds. **Lucky Numbers:** 10, 45, 62, 75, 76, 89, 91



Virgo Aug 23 - Sept. 21

Work: Put on those blinkers, concentrate on the carrot, and push the monotony of everyday life out of your mind. Labor liberates. **Love:** Stop pressuring your partner for constant confirmation and grow up. Wednesday is great for getting dirty. **Health:** Headaches from tension. **Lucky Numbers:** 17, 26, 68, 70, 71, 72, 81



Libra Sept. 22 - Oct. 22

Work: The current workload is overwhelming, but all you wanna' do is to have some fun. Treat yourself with a huge reality check. **Love:** Inspired by the spring, you find yourself in love with everything and everyone. Please... An attractive Aries could be the one. **Health:** Creative blocks. **Lucky Numbers:** 8, 24, 27, 44, 66, 67, 75



Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Work: Your incessant mood swings are interfering with your overall performance, slowing it down severely. Chill, man! **Love:** The word you are thinking of is doubtlessly 'boring,' which is a clear indication of how badly you need some time apart from one another. **Health:** Treat your skin well. **Lucky Numbers:** 33, 36, 37, 64, 77, 82, 94



Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Work: Driving on the highway to success, you quite frankly don't have anything to whine about – so shut up already! **Love:** Dark, dreadfully dark, thunderclouds are hovering over you relationship, waiting to discharge. Listen to No Doubt, and don't speak. **Health:** Back pain. **Lucky Numbers:** 11, 12, 29, 60, 95, 99, 100



Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Work: Being genuinely glad to be back in the old routines is so characteristically for Capricorns. Grey is probably your favorite color. **Love:** The weekend is disastrous, which is why you should put off any sort of romance to the end of next week. Thursday is when the magic happens. **Health:** Weakened immune system. **Lucky Numbers:** 21, 47, 48, 50, 57, 62, 83



Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 17

Work: Wow! The combination of strong self-possession and the intervention of Lady Fortune turn this into a heck of a week. Lucky you. **Love:** Business and pleasure can indeed be mixed quite successfully, although platonic love is the only one you will come across. **Health:** Stomachache. **Lucky Numbers:** 9, 13, 28, 37, 52, 59, 64



Pisces Feb. 18 - Mar. 19

Work: Procrastination and frustration, waiting is killing you slowly. Too bad. Why not have a smoke and speed up the misery? **Love:** For all those lonesome fishes dreaming of a perfect match, this weekend is a regular genie in the bottle. Acquaint yourself with a cute Cancer. **Health:** Status quo. **Lucky Numbers:** 17, 20, 26, 42, 47, 65, 77

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Glen Phillips performed in the CK March 14.

ERIC THOMPSON
Mast A&E reviewer

Former Toad the Wet Sprocket singer Glen Phillips offered a laidback, entertaining acoustic performance in the CK March 14. Jonathan Kingham, Phillips' friend, opened with a short set of forgettable, but pretty tunes.

Phillips warmed up the crowd with one of his old band's biggest hits, "Walking On the Ocean." The familiar tune drew a favorable crowd response, and later Toad songs were also among the most well-received, but Phillips had a significant repertoire of his solo material to work with as well.

Some of Phillips best songs were aided by humor. For example, the single from his first album, "Fred Meyer," described his plan for a new civilization that would rebuild and live in peace and harmony in a Fred Meyer department store. "Fred Meyer" was requested by audience members several times before Phillips finally obliged.

Another standout was "Drive By," a song Phillips wrote about a friend of his whose father took him on a trip to shoot an annoying neighbor dog, drew a loud chorus of laughter. Phillips'

guitar accompaniment began to sound similar after a while, and were not particularly creative. He was able to overcome this to a degree, however, with his lyrics, which were a strong point.

One of the best songs lyrically was "Train Wreck," which vividly described an old love:

"She was as desperate as a salesman/ At a company that's folding/ But they haven't told the staff yet/ That they're bankrupt and backordered/ And they're funneling the pensions/ To the CEO's back pocket/ So in one week they'll have nothing."

A fairly small crowd attended the performance, but they seemed to be appreciative. Phillips performance was enjoyable but unremarkable.

At times he seemed sloppy, having to stop mid-song more than once to remember the lyrics. On the other hand, he brushed the mistakes off, unflustered and maintained his stage presence. Overall, while nothing momentous, the concert was an enjoyable way to spend a Sunday night.

Phillips' albums *Live At Largo* and *abulum* are available at www.glenphillips.com.

Kids just say "no" to BoohBah

New children's "hit craze" leaves columnist feeling a little dazed and confused

Guest columnist
Lacie Runolfson

I was recently watching VH1's *The Best Week Ever* (which is fabulous by the way, but I'll save that for another column), and one of the topics for the week was the new hit-children's sensation *BoohBah*. Intrigued with the commendation by commentators Mo Rocca and Rachael Harris, I decided to take a look into what is supposed to be the new "hit craze" in the world of children, aged three to six.

I searched the Internet to find out where and when this show *BoohBah* would be airing. Please keep in mind I have not checked my local listings for a children's program since the days of *Mighty Morphin Power Rangers*. A few mouse clicks and a couple of deleted pop-ups later, I found *BoohBah* airs on PBS each day at 3 p.m.

Come three o'clock the next day, I sat with my nose pressed against the TV and legs crossed "Indian style," like any good-natured child

would await after-school programming. Less than three minutes later my child-like smile turned to a dazed, confused look of annoyance. Since when did we start encouraging the consumption of hallucinogenic drugs to children under the age of six?

Here were five bizarre beings bouncing around in front of me who resembled a creation from Conan O'Brian's "If They Mated" between a gumdrop and a breast implant. There are five of these "things" with names like Jingbah, Jumbah, Humbah, Zumbah and Zing Zing Zumbah, each sporting their own radioactive color (blue, orange, yellow, purple and pink).

These alien-like characters jump up and down to techno music, and encourage the children watching to do the same. (Yeah, like kids need to be encouraged to jump up and down and act obnoxious.) Apparently, this half-hour show is aimed at instilling the message of the importance of exercise to children.

What I don't get is whatever happened to wholesome and entertaining children's programming I use to watch as a child? Programs like *Sesame Street*, *Peewee's Play House* and *The Teenage Mutant*

Ninja Turtles.

As a child, the large huggable puppets of *Sesame Street* taught me an invaluable lesson about the relationship between advertising and the alphabet - today's show was brought to you by the letter 'L.'

Peewee encouraged me to use my imagination and to scream when random words are said, an eccentricity I still haven't shaken to this day.

Last, but not least, the *Ninja Turtles* showed me how to love. If that big hunk of turtle Raphael is reading: Raph, I love you.

This is what children's programming is all about, not about doped-up bouncing weird-o's with glowing eyebrows. And we wonder why the youth of the nation are all ADD?

For me, there is a difference between goofy fun (*Peewee's Playhouse*) and psychedelic weirdness (*BoohBah*). I'm not going to be setting my TiVo to record *BoohBah* anytime soon, but if Willie Nelson and Pink Floyd are coming by your dorm room for some mid-afternoon fun, then join in with the rest of the nation's four year olds and watch *Boohbah*.

Friday plans?

The PLU arts and entertainment inside scoop from Patricia Tobin, senior administrative assistant of the COTH department

Hmmm.... Friday night—what to do? Well, I could watch *Wall Street Week in Review* or CNN news, write some bills, clean up—that would be relaxing.... (Not!) Or, I could do something that would feed my soul and my head, spending the evening at Pacific Lutheran University!

I'll begin my evening at the free Art Reception at the PLU University Gallery (253-535-7573) at 5 p.m. to experience the current show, *The Illustrator's Process*. At 5:30, I'll join the artist Stan Shaw for a narrative walk-through of his show. This event offers a great opportunity to see behind the scenes in a rarely viewed area combining the fine and graphic arts. Stan Shaw illustrates for various clients all over the country including *The Village Voice*, *Esquire*, *Slate*, *Starbucks*, The Seattle Mariners, Nintendo, Rhino Records, Microsoft, B.E.T., DC Comics, ABC-NEWS.com, Wizards of The Coast, *Amazing Stories*, *Vibe*, The Flying Karamazov Brothers and *Willamette Week*. In addition to practicing illustration he teaches it, at Cornish School of the Arts, School of Visual Concepts and Pacific Lutheran University.

The evening will conclude with the big band sound of the University Jazz and Vocal Jazz Ensemble, at 8 p.m. in Chris Knutzen Hall. The ensemble performs regularly on the PLU campus, at jazz venues in the Puget Sound area, regional high schools, and national jazz festivals. The ensemble performs jazz big band repertoire from all eras of the music, from Duke Ellington to Maria Schneider and covers all styles of jazz from early swing to jazz/rock. The Vocal Jazz Ensemble consists of, on average, eight to twelve vocalists with rhythm section and performs a variety of jazz vocal repertoire.

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Track hosts Salzman Baseball wins six in a row

MATT MOORE
Mast sports intern

PLU played host to 14 track teams at the Salzman Invitational March 13. The universities at the event included Western Washington, University of Washington, Central Washington, Seattle Pacific and the University of British Columbia.

"This is the most competitive meet this early in the season," junior sprinter Scott Peterson said. Despite the extensive field of competitors, PLU's men managed to place third while the women finished fourth overall.

It was a splendid day for a track meet. With tennis matches alongside the large 15-team track gathering, the atmosphere was lively. Track fans formed an abundant crowd, filling up the stands. The weather cooperated by providing a sunny, cloud-free setting.

"This is the nicest weather for the Salzman Invitational we've had in the last few years," junior sprinter Kim Berthoff said.

"This is the place to be today," spectator Kevin Yoder said. Yoder, a member of PLU's tennis team, said he is particularly fond of physically fit female track athletes.

"I'd really love to utilize my thrusting capabilities on this fine day," sophomore Cameron Voget, returning Northwest Conference champion javelin thrower, said. "But unfortunately I'm unable to compete due to disciplinary actions."

Voget lent his services elsewhere by working in the javelin field, where he marked other contestants' throws. One of those marks was sophomore Alicia Steinruck's personal best throw of 131 feet, which captured second place and qualified her for nationals.

When asked if the tougher

competition field helped push her to perform at a higher level, she said, "not really, I just go out and try to compete against myself."

Steinruck was not the only Lute to perform remarkably well at the Salzman Invitational. Thrower Dan Haakenson did his part by winning the hammer throw with a mark of 178-6. This qualified him for nationals as well. Junior thrower Julie Locke was another PLU athlete who gave a strong performance. She won the women's-discus event, and earned second place in the shot put.

The arduous 400-meter hurdle race was won by senior Carrie Larsen, who barely missed a nationally qualifying time. Saturday at the Spring Break Open she overcame this feat with a qualifying time of 1:03.4. She placed second in the event, held at Edmonds District Stadium.

The Lutes traveled to the University of Puget Sound for the Puget Sound Open March 26.

The men placed second overall and the women placed third. The Lutes won five events in all, thanks to two wins by Locke and victories by junior thrower Mark Renne, first-year thrower Michael Wauters and first-year thrower Andy Holden.

Locke claimed first place in the shot put, qualifying her for the Northwest Conference Championships later this month. Her other win came in the discus throw. Renne won the shot put, Wauters earned first in the discus, and Holden took first in the hammer throw.

Junior baseball player Aaron Roetscisoender said he was especially proud of these performances. "It's really great to see those guys do well," Roetscisoender said.

The Lutes' next competition will be today and tomorrow at the Ralph Veraccia Open in Bellingham.

SAM CHREST
Mast sports reporter

The Lute baseball team is riding high this week, after a six-game winning streak has them in second place in the Northwest Conference.

During this span, the Lutes beat the top-ranked team, swept rival UPS in a doubleheader and saw junior infielder Jason Miller named NWC player of the week.

A 2-1 loss to UPS Sunday was the only hitch to an otherwise stellar week for PLU. The Lutes beat top-ranked Eastern Connecticut State in a 17-14 slugfest March 22. PLU tallied 18 hits, tying their season high output.

ECSU scored six runs in the first two innings to jump out to an early lead. The Lutes tied the game in the top of the third, scoring six runs.

ECSU added three more in the bottom of the third, and both teams scored one in the fourth.

The Lutes scored six runs in the fifth for a 13-10 lead. ECSU regained the lead with four runs in the bottom of the seventh, but the Lutes scored another four in the eighth to win the game.

First-year outfielder Tyler Oeshner was 4-5 with six RBI and three runs scored. Senior infielder Chris Ullom went 4-7

with another three runs, while first-year infielder Jared Simon went 3-5 with two doubles, two RBI and three runs scored.

Sophomore catcher David Fox was 2-4 with three RBI and two runs scored, and first-year outfielder Ryan Thome was 2-6

team is, and really said something about the direction this team is going."

PLU collected two wins, 10-4 and 6-4, in a doubleheader March 27. The Lutes took an early lead in the first game, scoring eight runs off six hits and a pair of errors.

Oeshner hit a home run to open the fourth inning, and the Lutes never looked back.

Junior Pitcher Matt Serr pitched seven innings to improve to 4-0 on the season. UPS took the lead in the second game, scoring four runs in the fourth inning.

Down 4-1, the Lutes scored five runs in the sixth inning to go up 5-4. First-year pitcher Jeff Caley won the game and is now 3-1. Roetscisoender recorded his sixth save.

The only loss of the week for the Lutes came Sunday, when they fell 2-1 to UPS. The Loggers rallied in the eighth, scoring two runs to seal the victory.

PLU's junior pitcher Aaron Fulmer took the loss to drop to 2-3. With the recent push, PLU now seeks to reach first place.

"We'd like to bow for a league title," Loomis said. "We have the same amount of losses as the first place team, we've just had a bye week. We won't give up until we're completely eliminated."

NWC Baseball Standings (3/28/04)

School	NWC	ALL
George Fox	9-3	18-6
Linfield	9-3	17-6
PLU	6-3	14-9
Willamette	6-4	13-9
UPS	6-6	10-11
Pacific	4-5	11-12
Whitworth	4-8	8-13
Whitman	2-7	5-14
L&C	3-10	11-12

with three RBI.

First-year pitcher/infielder Logan Andrews came away with the win, his first of the season. He pitched four innings of relief.

Junior pitcher/outfielder Aaron Roetscisoender pitched the last two innings, giving up two hits and no runs. He picked up his fifth save of the season.

"It was a very big win for our program," coach Geoff Loomis said. "It solidified what we had been saying about how good our

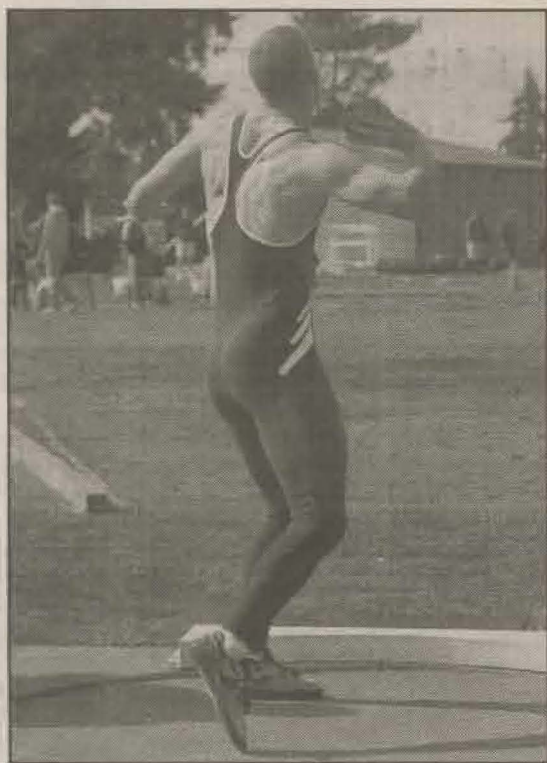


Jason Miller

PLU infielder Jason Miller had

- Eight hits (two triples and one double)
- Drove in three runs
- Scored eight runs

in three Lute wins in four games at the California Invitational Tournament March 19 and 20.



PLU decathlete Mike Wauters competes in the shot put at the Salzman Invitational, hosted by PLU March 13. Wauters is PLU's only decathlete.

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Ultimate Frisbee

Left: PLU ultimate frisbee player Tad Jensen competes in a Seattle spring league on the team Disc-Go-Ho's. It is a co-ed league with more than 40 teams in four divisions from all over the Seattle-Tacoma area.

Other members on the team include PLU students Aaron Bell, Haley Cloyd, Laney Coyne, Leah Proctor and PLU grads Ike Brandt and Nick Dare.

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Women's tennis team competes in California

KRISTEN LABATE
Mast sports reporter

The PLU women's tennis team spent their spring break in California. "California was a huge learning experience," first-year Nicole Petrzelka said. "I saw our team improve a lot."

The first match of the week, against California Lutheran, ended PLU's five-match winning streak.

PLU lost 9-0, as all doubles teams were defeated. First-years Amanda Anuraga and Bria Smith lost 8-4. Petrzelka and first-year Tracy Fujitani lost 8-1, and senior Liz George and junior Elizabeth Galbraith finished 8-3. The Lady Lutes were shut out in singles play as well.

NWC Women's Tennis Standings (3/27/04)

School	NWC	ALL
Linfield	8-0	12-5
UPS	7-1	10-2
PLU	5-2	6-6
Whitman	4-3	6-5
George Fox	5-4	7-7
Whitworth	3-4	5-5
Willamette	2-5	3-7
L&C	1-7	1-8
Pacific	0-9	0-11

PLU's second match was a 5-4 loss to the University of La Verne March 22.

Anuraga, Petrzelka and Ogin won in number one,

two, and three singles, respectively. The win was decided when La Verne beat PLU's Smith, Galbraith, and George in singles matches in straight sets.

PLU faced Vanguard University of Costa Mesa, Calif. March 24 and were defeated 9-0.

"Losing day after day was tough, but our scores do not reflect how well the team really played," Petrzelka said.

In singles play, Galbraith won the most games of any Lady Lute, with a final score of 6-4, 6-4.

PLU's number-one and number-two doubles teams, Smith and Anuraga and Fujitani and Petrzelka, each

saw an 8-1 defeat. Number-three doubles team George and Galbraith improved their doubles record taking three games, 8-3.

PLU beat Chapman University in Orange, Calif. 7-2 March 25.

Anuraga and Smith and George and Galbraith each won their doubles matches on tiebreakers. Petrzelka and Fujitani lost by only two games, 8-6.

PLU won five of the six singles matches. Anuraga won on a tiebreaker, with a match score of 4-6, 6-4, 1-0.

The Lady Lutes gathered their energy for their last match of the week against Biola University March 26. PLU was

defeated 8-1. Number-two singles player Petrzelka was the only Lute to defeat her opponent, winning 6-3, 6-2.

Ogin, Galbraith, and George took their matches to three sets. Ogin lost 2-6, 6-3, 6-0. George lost on a tiebreaker, 4-6, 6-3, (10-8); Galbraith also lost on a tiebreaker 5-7, 6-2, (10-8).

PLU played five matches on their road trip, but they did have time to enjoy California. The Lady Lutes were able to squeeze in trips to the beach, Six Flags, and Sea World.

PLU finished the week with an overall record of 6-6. The Lady Lutes resume Northwest Conference competition today with a home match against Linfield starting at 3:30 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Nicole Petrzelka

The PLU women's tennis team and coaches sit outside Cal Lutheran during their trip to California during spring break. The Lady Lutes are now 6-6 overall.

Softball team looks to fill void

JAMES LEFEBVRE
Mast assistant sports editor

The only thing standing in the way of the PLU softball team is consistency.

Since we last reported on the team, they were headed to Georgia to battle the top-20 teams in the country in the NFCA Leadoff Classic. Overall, they finished second in the Silver Bracket in this prestigious tournament with a record of 4-2.

Their only losses came at the hands of number four-ranked Alma College and defending national champion, 12th ranked Central College (www.nfca.org).

Subsequently the Lutes dropped out of the new rankings after beginning the season in sixth place.

"The only really bad game we had was Alma," head coach Rick Noren said. "We played well against Central but just made too many mistakes and you can't do that against a good team like that. All the other games were real good."

So far, the consistency is good with two losses to legitimate top-20 teams.

Gretchen Ruecker was the star for the Lutes in the tournament, and she received all tournament honors for her production. During the tournament Ruecker had ten hits, including two homeruns and nine runs driven in.

With a strong showing in the tournament, the Lutes spent their spring break traveling to California to participate in the Pioneer Classic.

"California was similar, some good and some bad," Noren said. "We hit the ball well but had a few defensive mistakes."

The women split their first two games against Menlo College, winning the first and losing the second. The first game went nine innings and was highlighted by catcher Mary Jo Marquardt's 4-5 performance at the plate.

The next day, the Lady Lutes split their games against host Cal State Hayward losing the first game but winning the second. Once again Ruecker led the way for the Lutes, hitting a two-run homer in the fourth inning to spark the 4-2 win.

While splitting is okay it is only that, okay. The Lutes went into the past weekend with a 5-4 record in the previous nine games, as they prepared to battle Willamette and Linfield.

Saturday the Lutes put on a hitting clinic for the

Willamette Bearcats, sweeping both games 9-6 and 9-2. The first game was tied 6-6 going into the top of the six inning when Ruecker led the three run charge. She led off with a homer and was then followed by second baseman Jewel Koury's single.

After a wild pitch and third baseman Sara Shideler's single, catcher Mary Jo Marquardt cleared the bases with a double allowing for the 9-6 win.

The second game was highlighted by shortstop Andrea Wells 3-3 performance at the plate with two RBI's and one run. Candace Howard pitched the Lutes to the win allowing three hits and two earned runs, for her fourth win of the season.

After the Willamette sweep the Lutes traveled to Linfield only to give up two close games.

The first game the Lutes could only tally two hits and one run while they gave up eight hits allowing two runs. In the second game, the Lutes held a 4-2 lead going into the bottom of the seventh but let the lead slip away.

The Lady Lutes are finding their consistency, but it needs to come full circle as only conference games lay ahead.

"Last time I checked, we were last in fielding percentage. So we have not been very good

defensively, but we are getting better," Noren said.

The Lutes were still at the bottom when the NWC conference stats were last updated March 16. With a .912 fielding percentage and second in the conference in errors committed, the defense needs a boost.

Meanwhile, though, the Lutes have been battling their way through the fielding errors.

The Lutes ranked first in the league with a .301 team batting average, and a .513 slugging percentage. They ranked first in runs (64), RBIs (54) and homeruns (9).

Ruecker, who is soon to be featured in the Tacoma News Tribune, is leading the hitting tear. Ruecker is batting .411 with 19 RBIs, 15 runs, and 3 homeruns in the 18 games.

The pitching rotation has been holding its own as well, ranking third in team earned run average (1.49) and second in opponents batting average (.167).

With an overall record of 10-8 and a conference record of 4-4 the Lutes need to find their defensive dominance that led the league in fielding percentage last season as they head into doubleheaders against Whitworth Saturday and Sunday.

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Spring breakin' it in Cali



The Pitch
James LeFebvre

Ah, spring break. The week so many of us plan ahead of time and look forward to more than any other break of the year, except maybe summer.

While my friends and I spent our week driving south to Nevada and California, camping at will, hiking through canyons, drinking beer and roasting s'mores around the fires there are a group of students who don't get the free week off like most of us.

"I think you could compare it to basketball and how they don't really get a winter break. But players know coming in the sacrifice they are making," outfielder Jared Moody said. "It's fun though cause we get to go somewhere, and usually get better weather which makes it more fun."

For years now, teams such as the softball, baseball and tennis have traveled to spend their spring breaks in my home state of California, Arizona or somewhere else, for mostly one reason, the good weather.

"You have to schedule those games somewhere that the odds are pretty good you'll get some nice weather," head softball coach Rick Noren said. "I think it has to happen for all spring

sports because the weather is such an integral part of our games whether its tennis, softball or baseball."

This spring break the softball team ventured to Cal State Hayward, while the baseball team traveled to Los Angeles to compete in the California Invitational. Who, I might add, beat the number-one ranked team in the Division III poll, Eastern Connecticut State 17-14 and have a recent seven game winning streak snapped. Good job boys keep up the good work.

The lacrosse team ventured into the ghettos of LA to play Loyola Marymount University and my most hated hometown team, the University of Southern California.

"California was fun. We got to go to Universal studios. All in all we had a lot of time off so it felt more like a vacation for us," said Chris Jensen the leading scorer for the men's lacrosse team.

The men and women's tennis teams both headed to Cali as well. The men did a lot of traveling, going everywhere from Pasadena to San Diego. The women headed to my hometown of Thousand Oaks to battle California Lutheran University

while playing four other matches in the So Cal area.

All this traveling and competition is going on while I'm sitting on rivers and cliff diving under the desert sun. Again it's another great display of the student-athlete's sacrifice.

Although, while competing and improvement are what most of these teams focus on during their trips, it is a time of team bonding and fun.

"But at the same time we want to make sure that we do something that is enjoyable for them because they are giving up there spring break," Noren said. "We had a couple days off that we spent shopping in Santa Cruz and San Francisco."

Every team except the softball team either ventured to Universal Studios, Six Flags Magic Mountain, Knots Berry Farm or Disneyland theme parks.

"I wish I could do whatever I want but then again I choose to play softball," infielder Sara Shideler said. "I like going to California because I get to go home and have a big team dinner at my house."

For the softball team going to California is also a great scouting tool.

"We play teams in our region and so it helps us to understand and see the teams that we could play in regional finals," Shideler said.

So while most of us were basking in the sun, having fun at our will, our dedicated Lute teams were bettering themselves for conference play, and, not to mention, taking their own little team break away from Parkland.

Lacrosse battles for playoffs with four games left

JAMES LEFEBVRE
Mast assistant sports editor

It's been a rough season for the PLU men's lacrosse team. Their conference record stands at 1-4 and overall a disappointing 4-7. That's not to say our team is bad. In fact, we are a force to be reckoned with every game.

The Lutes lost two games in OT and another loss by only two goals. They have battled four of the top-25 ranked teams including defending champion Colorado State and ninth ranked University of Oregon.

Captain Adam Burke and attacker Chris Jensen are two of the most skilled players in the league. Burke is currently second in the league in assists with 19 and third in points, 43. Sitting just in front of him is Jensen with 46 points. He ranks third in both goals and assists in the league. These numbers have not come against weak opponents either. In fact Jensen has 22 goals and ten assists in conference games.

Jensen, like all successful PLU athletes, credits his success to his teammates as well as his hard work.

"Without them around me I wouldn't be that successful, not to mention unselfishness we have on our team," Jensen said. "It all comes down to the hard work that we as a team have put and I have put in."

March 13 the Lutes hosted the University of Montana, a conference opponent, and taught them a few lessons. Led by Jensen's seven goals and three assists the Lutes wiped away the Grizzlies, 16-5.

The next day the Lutes host-

ed Simon Fraser University who is currently ranked 13th in the country. The Clansmen, with a really out of date mascot, beat the Lutes 23-6.

The games just kept on coming for the Lutes. March 16 the Lutes hosted number-one ranked Colorado State. Unfortunately for the Lutes, they were on the losing side of this tough battle. While it was a tough loss, many players expressed their enthusiasm about playing against such talented players.

While the players enjoyed the game, so should the PLU lacrosse program. With a national power like CSU coming to PLU to play, the game speaks volumes to the impact and reputation that PLU is creating in the world of lacrosse.

After the hard fought battle it was time for a much needed spring break.

The Lutes traveled to California where they faced 18th ranked Loyola Marymount University Sunday. With a fast paced first quarter ending in a 4-4 tie, LMU's motion offense proved to be too much for the Lutes defense.

The Lutes ended their two-game round trip with a match up against the University of Southern California Wednesday. After suffering three straight losses to ranked opponents the Lutes had to release some anger and they did so by winning 11-9.

Led by Burke's four goals and four assists the Lutes ended their spring break on a positive note as they head into the final four games of the season.

"Our backs are against the wall. We have to win out to make playoffs," Jensen said.

Men's tennis second in NWC despite spring break losses

KURT SWANSON
Mast sports reporter

After sweeping their dual matches between Lewis & Clark and Pacific March 13, the PLU men's tennis team traveled south to California during spring break for five non-conference matches, four against nationally ranked teams.

The Lutes began the trip with a 6-1 win over Caltech before falling to Redlands, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, Point Loma Nazarene, and Pomona-Pitzer during the weeklong stay in California. With the losses, the Lutes fell to 7-6 overall but are still tied for first in the Northwest Conference with a 6-1 record.

"The California trip is what we look forward to each season," senior and captain Luke Roloff said. "The weather is always nice and we get to play some of the best tennis teams in the nation."

The first match, against Caltech, proved to be the bright point of the week as the Lutes swept all three doubles matches and won five of the six singles matches to maintain their five-match winning streak. Earning straight-set decisions for the PLU were junior Matt Larimore, Roloff, first-year Erik Husa, first-year Jeff Loranger and junior Boyd Massie at number 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 singles, respectively. Roloff and Larimore continued their success as the duo teamed up to win their fifth straight dou-

bles match with an 8-4 victory.

"The Caltech match was a great way to start the trip," Larimore said. "It allowed us to get a little more accustomed to playing in the hot climate before our four other matches."

The rest of the week proved to be an uphill battle for the Lutes, as they faced three of the top 25 teams in NCAA Division III and the eleventh-ranked NAIA.

The Lutes' five-match winning streak ended with two 7-0 losses to number-10 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and number-11 Redlands. Against Redlands, the Lutes were swept in singles and lost the doubles point after narrowly losing two of the three matches. At number one doubles, Larimore and Roloff were handed their first loss of the season with an 8-6 decision. Junior Martin Uylango and sophomore Ben Schaefer were barely taken down, losing their match in a tie-breaker, 9-8 (7-5).

Things did not get any easier for PLU as they fell 7-2 to Point Loma, the number-11 team in the NAIA. The match was played under the NAIA scoring system, which includes all three doubles matches in the final score. Both victories for the Lutes came in the doubles matches with wins at number one and two doubles.

This was Larimore's first match against Point Loma since playing for them in the 2002 season. He won his dou-

NWC Men's Tennis Standings (3/27/04)

School	NWC	ALL
Linfield	7-1	7-7
PLU	6-1	7-6
Whitman	6-1	8-5
UPS	5-3	7-4
L&C	4-4	4-7
Whitworth	3-5	4-6
Pacific	2-6	2-6
George Fox	1-7	1-7
Willamette	0-6	0-6

bles match 8-6 before losing in three sets to number one singles 4-6, 6-2, 6-0, against his old team.

The Lutes finished the trip against twenty-fifth ranked Pomona-Pitzer of Claremont, Calif. with a 6-1 loss. Husa was the lone victor in the match, defeating J.B. Wogan 6-0, 6-2 win at number four singles. All five of the Lutes' other singles matches were decided in straight sets.

"Its tough to lose those matches because they have a pretty big impact on whether or not we make it to the NCAA tournament," Roloff said. "I think we now know where we need to be as a team if we want to make it that far."

The Lutes travel to Oregon this weekend to take on Linfield today at 3:30 p.m. and Willamette tomorrow at 10 a.m. PLU and Linfield are still tied with Whitman at number one in the Northwest Conference.

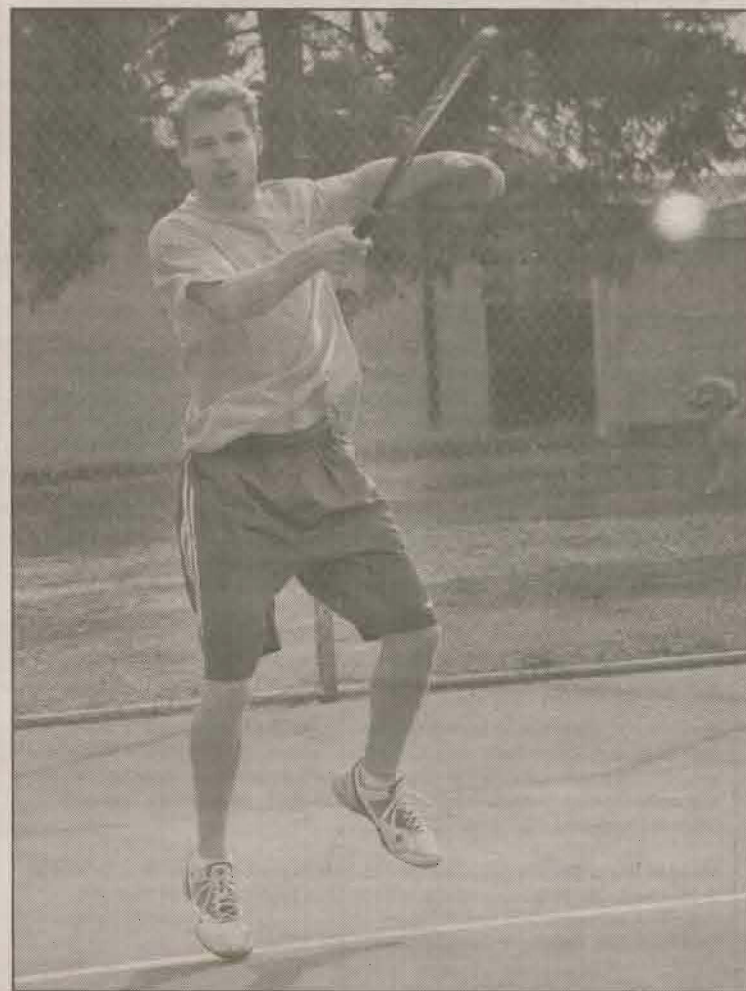


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PLU tennis player Boyd Massie returns a shot during the dual match between Lewis & Clark and Pacific March 13. The Lutes swept the matches before departing to California.

March Madness winds down as MLB and MLS begin



On the ball
Trista Winnie

Life is full of peaks and valleys.

Trust me. I know.

I picked the winners of 14 out of 16 games on the first day of the NCAA tournament, and 13 out of 16 the next day. Definite peak.

The first round of the tournament was March 18 and now the Final Four are set.

I had Kentucky over Maryland for the championship in my bracket.

The Final Four teams are Georgia Tech, Oklahoma State, Duke and Connecticut.

Do you see Kentucky and Maryland in that group? Nope. Definite valley.

It's okay, though. The NCAA tournament valley is pretty full, so I have company. There are Hawks, Bulldogs, Cardinal - or Trees, whichever you'd prefer to call them - a menagerie of all the teams whose tournament hopes crashed and burned.

Saint Joseph's, who ended up with a record of 27-1 after losing to Xavier by 20 points in the Atlantic-10 tournament, made it

to the Elite Eight, before falling to Oklahoma State.

Incidentally, Xavier upset number-two seed Mississippi State in the second round of action.

Though Stanford compiled an impressive 29-1 record over the course of the season, they began to show signs of fatigue near the end. That helps explain their quick departure from competition. They lost to eighth-seeded Alabama when the Crimson Tide went on a 16-0 run in the second half to sweep the number-one seed Cardinal out of the tournament.

The most painful exit was Gonzaga. After cruising to a 76-49 victory over Valparaiso in their first-round game, the Bulldogs were upset by the tenth-seeded Nevada Wolfpack, who earned a 91-72 win over the second-seeded Gonzaga Bulldogs.

Gonzaga guard Blake Stepp shot three for 18 from the field, including only one of 12 from beyond the three-point line. Foul trouble limited forward Ronny

Turiaf to only 15 minutes on the court. Nevada out-rebounded Gonzaga and made eight of 17 three-pointers, compared to Gonzaga's paltry three for 22 performance.

Before the tournament, everyone said Gonzaga wasn't a Cinderella anymore. That turned out to be more true than anyone imagined.

Gonzaga's performance was definitely not a Cinderella story. The glass slipper passed from Gonzaga to Nevada, at least temporarily, and the Bulldogs became an ugly step-sister.

That's more of an abyss than a valley, in my opinion, but then I really like Gonzaga.

But peaks always follow valleys.

Tomorrow Duke and Uconn and Oklahoma State and Georgia Tech face off in Final Four games.

Tomorrow two of MLS's youngest stars, Freddy Adu of D.C. United and Landon Donovan of the defending champion San Jose Earthquakes, will

meet in 14-year-old Adu's professional debut.

And the 2004 MLB season officially began just after 2 a.m. Pacific Time Tuesday.

Those three combine for one hell of a peak. I love this time of year.

I am excited for the MLS season to start. The marquee matchup is D.C. United vs. San Jose Earthquakes, tomorrow at 1 p.m. on ABC. Adu, who has his high school diploma, will be going up against guys about twice his age. It will be interesting to see how he is treated.

The New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays traveled to Tokyo, Japan to open the MLB season. I admit I only stayed awake long enough to watch the first inning.

Fans in the Tokyo Dome seemed energized, though, especially after star Japanese export Hideki Matsui of the Yankees hit a double. He came around to score when Jason Giambi hit a two-run home run.

New York was up 2-0 when I went to sleep. When I woke up and checked the score the next morning, the D-Rays had and beaten the Yankees 8-3.

Two former Mariners were largely responsible for Tampa Bay's comeback. Jose Cruz Jr. hit a home run in the sixth inning to tie the game at three, then Tino Martinez hit a two-run shot in the seventh.

The Yankees delivered a 12-1 beating to the Devil Rays Wednesday. Matsui hit a two-run homer and Jorge Posada hit three-run blasts from each side of the plate in the onslaught of offense.

The Mariners open up their 2004 season at home Tuesday at 2:05 p.m. against the Anaheim Angels. I have been looking forward to this day since the 2003 season ended, and am excited to be able to go to the game and take in the sights and sounds of Mariners baseball at Safeco again.

Sorry, Dr. Benson. I'm not going to be in class Tuesday.

Senior Standouts

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Mast sports reporter



Dave Edminston

Dave Edminston has been playing tennis since he was ten

years old. He began the sport at a local recreational facility, where he found "it was a lot of fun," and he "was pretty good at it." At Decatur High School (Federal Way, Wash.), Edminston was part of a team that won three straight league titles. Edminston also received the Coaches Award his senior year.

According to Edminston, his main goal is "to have fun out there." During his last set in a match his freshman year, Edminston discovered most of his team's food had been eaten. The only item that remained was a single jar of

Skippy Peanut Butter. Knife in hand, Edminston devoured the entire jar of Skippy earning the lasting title of "Skipper."

Edminston is currently among the top eight on PLU's tennis team. He plans "to enjoy my last year and try my best."

"I feel honored to have been in the presence of tennis great Skipper for four years," Senior tennis captain Luke Roloff said.

Edminston is majoring in international business, and plans to teach English in the Marshall Islands after graduation.



Jens Langebrette

Sports were not a part of everyday high school life for Norwegian Jens Langebrette. In Norway, students interested in athletics had to compete in

club athletics outside of school. For eight years, Langebrette was part of the top ranked Nordstrand (North Beach) Tennis Club in Norway.

After completing high school at Oslo Handels gymnasium, Langebrette traveled to France for three years before transferring to PLU in 2002.

Currently, Langebrette is ranked ninth on PLU's tennis team, yet plans on moving up before the end of the season. "My goal is to be top six by the end of the semester. It should be possible," Langebrette said. According to Langebrette, tennis is played on a clay court in Europe, which is much different

than the hard court used in the United States. "It's a way different style. I just need to adapt," Langebrette said.

Currently, the Lutes are 4-1 in the Northwest Conference. "We might win conference if we keep it up," Langebrette said.

Langebrette is majoring in finance with a minor in economics. He is hoping for a career in investment banking after graduation.

To Langebrette, it is not a specific moment that stands out in his PLU athletic career, but "every day at practice, it's like a big family." With a smile Langebrette concluded, "It's good to be a Lute."



Luke Roloff

Senior tennis captain Luke Roloff began to take tennis seriously his sophomore year at Kamiakin High School

(Kennewick, Wash.). According to Roloff, it was this seriousness that helped his team secure the 4A State Championship title that year.

Teammate Jens Langebrette said that Roloff is "a real hard-core tennis player." Senior Dave Edminston added that Roloff is "really focused, but always calm."

Roloff was awarded 2nd Team All Conference his sophomore year at PLU. Roloff is currently ranked second in singles play at PLU, and is undefeated in singles play throughout the conference. He is also ranked number one in doubles at PLU.

The Lutes defeated Linfield for the conference champi-

onship during Roloff's freshman year at PLU. Roloff's main goal this year is to repeat his first-year experience by "beating Linfield badly" in order to win the conference championship. Roloff said, "They're always really fired up when they play us, (but) we usually let our game speak for ourselves."

Roloff believes "the harder you work, the luckier you get," and that the PLU tennis team has the ability to continue on to the championships this year.

Roloff is majoring in business and plans on teaching tennis "somewhere warm" after graduation.

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